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2010 ENERGY BILLS

This document outlines all energy legislation introduced in the General Assembly. It is for informational purposes only and its listing here does not indicate that the Maryland Clean Energy Center has taken a position on the bill. Full text, status, and sponsorship of each bill is available at the Maryland General Assembly website by searching under the Bill Number: <http://mlis.state.md.us>.

MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER BILLS

SB 893
HB 907

Maryland Clean Energy Center – Miscellaneous Provisions. Alters the quorum requirement for the MCEC Board, alters the minimum vote required to act, designates employees and officials of MCEC as state personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act, and authorizes employees and retirees of MCEC to participate in State Employee and Retiree programs.

BILLS PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

SB 281
HB 469
SB 277
HB 471
SB 287
HB 464

Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles: 3-year vehicle excise tax exemption for the purchase of plug-in electric vehicles.
Accelerating the Solar RPS: Accelerate Maryland's Solar Energy requirement in the RPS through 2017.
Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act: Reauthorize existing tax credit through 2014. Offer Marylanders a state income tax credit for electricity generated by qualified resources of .85/kwh, and .50/kwh for electricity generated by co-firing with coal. Reauthorized until 2014.

SB 282
HB 468

Offshore Wind Generation: Establish Public Service Commission's jurisdiction over renewable energy lines from offshore wind facilities and allows construction of a submerged or buried renewable energy line in the beach erosion control district.

BILLS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE

SB 455
HB 349

Maryland Efficiency Standards Act: Add televisions to the list of products regulated under the Act; require the MEA to adopt regulations establishing minimum efficiency standards and compliance test methods.

SB 301
HB 390

Commercial Grade Wind Turbines - Garrett County: Authorizes County Commissioners to enact ordinances regulating the setback of commercial wind turbine structures; sets a fee for decommissioning a specified commercial wind turbine structure.

SB 661
HB 697

Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier Referral Program: Requires the PSC to establish a program on/before October 1, 2010 and specify the terms and conditions under which an electricity or gas supplier may participate in the program.



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SB 355
HB 701

Net Metering: Payment for Accrued Generation Credit:

Requires that a net metering contract or tariff credit be applied to electricity generated by eligible customer-generators at specified rates under specified circumstances and repeals time limitation on accrual of credit.

SB 656
HB 705

Energy Performance Ratings for Public Buildings:

Requires county or municipal government to post an Energy Star rating for county/municipal buildings and requires DGS to post Energy Star ratings for state buildings.

SB 50
HB 801

Net Energy Metering Credits: Require a net metering contract or tariff to credit in each billing period net electricity generated by eligible customer-generators and repeal a time limitation that an eligible generator is required to carry forward a credit.

SB 529
HB 821

Net Energy Metering for Fuel Cells: Include customers that use a fuel cell generating facility on the list of eligible customer generators for net metering and define "fuel cell."

SB 569
HB 827

Biomass and Biofuels In-State Production Incentives:

Alter provisions of net metering to allow eligible customer generators using cellulosic feedstock to recover accrued credit for electricity fed back to grid and require that specified percentages of diesel sold in state be biodiesel produced from feedstock in the U.S.

SB 537
HB 852

Net Energy Metering - Credit Transfers for Municipalities:

Authorize specified municipalities to transfer specified generation credits to specified properties.

SB 23
HB 902

Net Energy Metering - Credit Transfers for Non Profits:

Authorize specified not-for-profit customers to transfer specified generation credits accrued from electricity produced from specified renewable sources to specified properties

SB 515
HB 922

The Renewables First Act: Declare findings and policies of the General Assembly, state energy policy goals for the state and declare priorities. Require statements from applicants applying for certificates of public necessity and convenience or permission to construct generating stations.

SB 713
HB 985

Energy Benchmarking and Disclosure: Requires gas and electric companies to maintain records on consumption for non-residential customers and upload records to the EPA Portfolio Manager with permission. Requires annual benchmarking of energy use for commercial buildings.

SB 200
HB 1013

Surcharge on Wind-Powered Electric Generators:

Requires the PSC to establish a surcharge on wind-powered electric generating facilities whose capacity does not exceed 70 megawatts and requires Comptroller to deposit revenue to the Maryland Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facility Decommissioning and Restoration Fund.



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BILLS IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

- HB 522** **Report on Long-Term Energy Needs:** Requires the PSC to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly to analyze and assess progress in meeting Maryland's long-term energy needs.
- HB 576** **Expedited Permit Review for Redevelopment Projects:** Requires Prince George's County to approve or disapprove applications for development permits and to provide applicants with specified written notice within 90 days.
- HB 696** **Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund:** Alters allocation to specified accounts of specified proceeds received by the Fund from the sale of specified allowances under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
- HB 709** **Roadway Lighting Curfew and Tariffs:** Requires the SHA and the MTA to turn off roadway lighting on expressways and controlled access highways between midnight and dawn, unless lighting is warranted by specific determination.
- HB 835** **State Energy Performance Contract Loan of 2010:** Authorize financing of energy performance contracts by capital lease or special/general obligation bonds; authorize issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance state energy performance contracts.
- HJ 6** **Comprehensive Clean Energy Jobs and Climate Legislation:** Requests that the U.S. Congress pass and the President of the United States sign comprehensive federal clean energy jobs and climate legislation.
- HJ 7** **Wind Power Project at Greenbury Point:** Supports the U.S. Navy's consideration of a wind power project at Greenbury Point.



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BILLS IN THE SENATE

- SB 193** **Electric Transmission Privilege Tax:** Authorizes the Dorchester County Council to impose a tax on electricity transmission using long-distance, extra-high voltage lines.
- SB 538** **Master Meters:** Authorizes the PSC to authorize the use of a master meter in residential multiple occupancy buildings and shopping centers without requiring individual metering or submetering.
- SB 558** **Long-Term Power Purchasing Agreements:** Requires the PSC to direct specified electricity suppliers to enter into long-term power purchasing agreements according to a specified schedule and to waive the requirement for an electricity supplier to enter into long-term power purchasing agreements under specified circumstances.
- SB 693** **Green Maryland Act of 2010:** Increasing the price preference for recycled paper and the percent of recycled paper to be procured; requiring a study of the use of compost as fertilizer; establishing a goal to increase use of compost as fertilizer; requiring development of strategies and best practices for implementing environmentally preferable purchasing.
- SB 720** **Clean Energy Loan Programs:** Altering the requirements of a Clean Energy Loan Program requiring that an energy audit required to be performed before approving loan identify energy efficiency projects and renewable energy projects that would generate projected yearly energy cost savings.
- SB 807** **Electricity Market Goal of the State:** Providing that on/after July 1, 2010 the goal of the state is to return as soon as possible to a regulated electricity market for certain customer classes that results in reliable electricity at the best possible price for those ratepayers; establish customer choice, competitive retail electricity markets, and deregulation of generation of electricity.