

**SB0744/444335/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 744  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 11, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Commission to take certain actions in carrying out its work;”; and in line 12, after the semicolon insert “making this Act an emergency measure;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 7, insert:

“(1) one chairperson, jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;”;

in lines 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, and 21, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, and “(9)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, “(10)”, and “(13)”, respectively; after line 18, insert:

“(9) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary’s designee;”;

in line 20, strike the second “and”; after line 20, insert:

“(11) one representative of county government, appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties;

“(12) one representative of the commercial real estate industry with experience in sustainability practices, appointed by the Maryland Chapter of NAIOP;  
and;”;

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in line 23, strike “the Maryland Association of Counties” and substitute “Smart Growth Maryland”; in line 29, strike “Chesapeake Climate Action Network” and substitute “Sierra Club”; and in line 30, strike “and”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “local”; in the same line, after “organization” insert “; and”

(vii) one representative of an electric cooperative”;

strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3; and in lines 4, 5, and 9, strike “(d)”, “(e)”, and “(f)”, respectively, and substitute “(c)”, “(d)”, and “(e)”, respectively.

On page 4, in line 21, strike “(f)(2)” and substitute “(e)(2)”.

On page 3, in line 4, strike “Power Plant Research Program” and substitute “Department of the Environment”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 18, inclusive; and in line 19, strike “(ii)” and substitute “(i)”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(iii)” and substitute “(ii)”; after line 2, insert:

“(iii) discouraging the development of solar energy projects in ecologically or agriculturally important areas, including:

1. on productive farmland;
2. on forest land;
3. on parkland;

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4. in or near wetlands; and
5. in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area;

in line 13, after “transmission” insert “and local distribution grid”; and after line 18, insert:

“(f) In carrying out its work, the Commission shall:

(1) take into consideration:

(i) efforts by Maryland counties to address the development of solar energy projects through zoning ordinances, comprehensive plans, and other local land use policies; and

(ii) options being developed in other states for providing predictable, long-term economic incentives to encourage the development of solar energy projects in areas where solar siting is preferred;

(2) accept oral and written comments from the public;

(3) (i) on or before November 1, 2019, release a preliminary draft of its findings and recommendations to the public; and

(ii) accept public comments on the preliminary draft until November 30, 2019; and

(4) allow the members of the Commission the opportunity to review and provide final input on any draft report.”.

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On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 23 through 26, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2020, and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.