By: **Delegates Bartlett and King** Introduced and read first time: March 7, 2005 Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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## **Solar Energy Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amounts and percentages authorized to be

4 awarded under certain provisions of the Solar Energy Grant Program; and

5 generally relating to the Solar Energy Grant Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 7 Article State Government
- 8 Section 9-2007
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2004 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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## Article - State Government

14 9-2007.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) "Photovoltaic property" means solar energy property that uses a solar

17 photovoltaic process to generate electricity and that meets applicable performance

18 and quality standards and certification requirements in effect at the time of

19 acquisition of the property, as specified by the Maryland Energy Administration.

20 (3) "Program" means the Solar Energy Grant Program.

21 (4) (i) "Solar energy property" means equipment that uses solar

22 energy:

- 23 1. to generate electricity;
- 24 2. to heat or cool a structure or provide hot water for use in a
- 25 structure; or

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13.to provide solar process heat.	
2 (ii) "Solar energy property" does not include a swimming pool, hot 3 tub, or any other energy storage medium that has a function other than storage.	
4 (5) "Solar water heating property" means solar energy property that:	
5 (i) when installed in connection with a structure, uses solar energy 6 for the purpose of providing hot water for use within the structure; and	
<ul> <li>7 (ii) meets applicable performance and quality standards and</li> <li>8 certification requirements in effect at the time of acquisition of the property, as</li> <li>9 specified by the Maryland Energy Administration.</li> </ul>	
10 (b) There is a Solar Energy Grant Program in the Administration.	
11 (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to individuals, local 12 governments, and businesses for a portion of the costs of acquiring and installing 13 photovoltaic property and solar water heating property.	
14 (d) The Administration shall:	
15 (1) administer the Program;	
16 (2) establish application procedures for the Program; and	
17 (3) award grants from the Program.	
18 (e) A grant awarded under the Program may not exceed:	
19 (1) for INSTALLED photovoltaic property [installed on residential 20 property], the lesser of [\$3,000] \$12,500 or [20%] 50% of the total installed cost of the 21 photovoltaic property; AND	
22 (2) [for photovoltaic property installed on nonresidential property, the 23 lesser of \$5,000 or 20% of the total installed cost of the photovoltaic property; and	
<ul> <li>(3)] for solar water heating property, the lesser of [\$2,000] \$2,500 or</li> <li>[20%] 50% of the total installed cost of the solar water heating property.</li> </ul>	
26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 27 October 1, 2005.	