

Chapter 534

**(Senate Bill 173)**

AN ACT concerning

**Local Government – Clean Energy Loan Programs – Commercial Property  
Owners – Renewable Energy Projects**

FOR the purpose of removing the limitation that renewable energy projects by commercial property owners financed through a certain clean energy loan program have an electric generating capacity of not more than a certain number of kilowatts; and generally relating to financing renewable energy projects on commercial property through clean energy loan programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Local Government  
Section 1–1101 and 1–1102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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Article – Local Government  
Section 1–1103  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Local Government**

1–1101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Bond” means a bond, note, or other similar instrument that a county or municipality issues under this subtitle.
- (c) “Chief executive” means the president, chair, mayor, county executive, or any other chief executive officer of a county or municipality.
- (d) “Commercial property” means real property that is:
  - (1) not designed principally or intended for human habitation; or

(2) used for human habitation and is improved by more than four single family dwelling units.

(e) “Program” means a clean energy loan program established under this subtitle.

1–1102.

A county or municipality may enact an ordinance or a resolution to establish a clean energy loan program.

1–1103.

(a) The purpose of a program is to provide loans to:

(1) residential property owners, including low income residential property owners, to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; and

(2) commercial property owners to finance:

(i) energy efficiency projects; and

(ii) renewable energy projects [with an electric generating capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts].

(b) A private lender may provide capital for a loan provided to a commercial property owner under the program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.**