

# SENATE BILL 249

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By: **Senator Lam**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regional Initiative to Limit or Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in**  
3 **Transportation Sector – Authorization**  
4 **(Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019)**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to include the State as a full participant in a  
6 certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas  
7 emissions from the transportation sector; ~~authorizing the Governor to impose a~~  
8 ~~certain statewide greenhouse gas emission fee on the sale or distribution of motor~~  
9 ~~fuel under certain circumstances~~; requiring the Department of the Environment and  
10 the Department of Transportation to report to certain committees of the General  
11 Assembly on or before a certain date, and with a certain frequency thereafter, on the  
12 status of a certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces  
13 greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; requiring the General  
14 Assembly to enact a law approving the withdrawal of the State from a certain  
15 initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas emissions  
16 from the transportation sector; and generally relating to limiting or reducing  
17 greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Environment  
20 Section 2–1204.2  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Environment**

4 **2-1204.2.**

5 (A) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE THE STATE AS A FULL PARTICIPANT IN  
6 ANY REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT  
7 LIMITS OR REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION  
8 SECTOR.

9 ~~(B) IF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA~~  
10 ~~IMPOSES A STATEWIDE OR CITYWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION FEE ON THE SALE~~  
11 ~~OR DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR FUEL, THE GOVERNOR MAY IMPOSE A SIMILAR FEE OF~~  
12 ~~UP TO THE SAME AMOUNT AS THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF~~  
13 ~~VIRGINIA OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.~~

14 ~~(c)~~ ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2019, AND EVERY 6 MONTHS FOR 3 YEARS  
15 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
16 SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE  
17 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE  
18 FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE  
19 HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,  
21 ON THE STATUS OF A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR  
22 COMPACT THAT LIMITS OR REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE  
23 TRANSPORTATION SECTOR, INCLUDING:

24 (1) WHETHER A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE,  
25 AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT LIMITS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE  
26 TRANSPORTATION SECTOR EXISTS;

27 (2) WHETHER THE GOVERNOR HAS INCLUDED THE STATE AS A FULL  
28 PARTICIPANT IN SUCH AN INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT; AND

29 (3) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OR THE  
30 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERS RELEVANT.

31 ~~(D)~~ (C) THE STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL  
32 INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE  
33 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTS A LAW TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
2 1, 2019.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.