

## Chapter 445

**(Senate Bill 808)**

AN ACT concerning

**Anaerobic Digestion Technology – Coordination and Guidance**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Agriculture to coordinate with certain State agencies and other stakeholders to ensure anaerobic digestion technology projects are ~~not unduly delayed~~ *appropriately coordinated*; requiring the Department, in coordination with certain State agencies, to establish certain guidance for farmers regarding the development and implementation of anaerobic digestion technology; and generally relating to anaerobic digestion technology.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–2301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Anaerobic Digestion Technology”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

**Article – Agriculture****SUBTITLE 23. ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY.****2–2301.**

**(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE, ELECTRIC COMPANIES, FARMERS, AND INDUSTRY TO ENSURE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS ARE ~~NOT UNDULY DELAYED~~ APPROPRIATELY COORDINATED.**

**(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDANCE FOR FARMERS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY.**

**(2) THE GUIDANCE ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON:**

**(I) OBTAINING REQUIRED PERMITS AND ELECTRIC INTERCONNECTION;**

**(II) AVAILABLE TAX INCENTIVES AND ENERGY REBATES; AND**

**(III) RELEVANT REGULATIONS FOR WASTE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING FOR SYSTEMS THAT INCORPORATE ANIMAL WASTE AND OTHER RESOURCES, SUCH AS FOOD WASTE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

**Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.**