

HOUSE BILL 1240

M3, C9, L6

4lr2802

By: **Delegates Rose, Arentz, Bouchat, Buckel, Chisholm, Grammer, Hartman, Hornberger, Kipke, Mangione, McComas, Miller, T. Morgan, Otto, Stonko, and Tomlinson**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fossil Fuel–Powered Appliances and Vehicles – Installation, Use, and Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment, the Department of
4 Housing and Community Development, and the governing body of a county or
5 municipality from prohibiting the use or installation of natural gas– and
6 propane–powered appliances in certain homes; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle
7 Administration from charging or collecting certain fees and charges for a certificate
8 of title or vehicle registration issued for a gasoline–powered vehicle under certain
9 circumstances; and generally relating to fossil fuel–powered appliances and vehicles.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Environment

12 Section 2–701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Natural Gas– and
13 Propane–Powered Appliances”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 13–802(a)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 13–802(d) and 13–956

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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 **SUBTITLE 7. NATURAL GAS– AND PROPANE–POWERED APPLIANCES.**

5 **2–701.**

6 (A) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF
8 NATURAL GAS– AND PROPANE–POWERED APPLIANCES IN A HOME THAT IS:

9 (1) BEING CONSTRUCTED; OR

10 (2) UNDERGOING A REMODEL OR RENOVATION OF AT LEAST 50% OF
11 THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE HOME.

12 (B) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT ENACT
13 A LOCAL LAW, AN AMENDMENT, OR AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION
14 OR USE OF NATURAL GAS– OR PROPANE–POWERED APPLIANCES IN A HOME THAT IS:

15 (1) BEING CONSTRUCTED; OR

16 (2) UNDERGOING A REMODEL OR RENOVATION OF AT LEAST 50% OF
17 THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE HOME.

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 **13–802.**

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and § 13–805 of this
21 subtitle, the fee for each certificate of title issued under this title is \$100.

22 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CHARGE OR COLLECT A FEE, AN
23 ADDITIONAL FEE, OR ANOTHER CHARGE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED FOR
24 A GASOLINE–POWERED VEHICLE THAT IS BASED ON THE VEHICLE’S USE OF
25 GASOLINE.

26 **13–956.**

27 THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CHARGE OR COLLECT A REGISTRATION FEE,
28 AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE, OR ANY OTHER CHARGE FOR A VEHICLE

1 REGISTRATION ISSUED FOR A GASOLINE-POWERED VEHICLE THAT IS BASED ON THE
2 VEHICLE'S USE OF GASOLINE.

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