

SENATE BILL 808

M4

4lr2267
CF 4lr3469

By: **Senators Carozza, Gallion, and Hester**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anaerobic Digestion Technology – Coordination and Guidance**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Agriculture to coordinate with certain
4 State agencies and other stakeholders to ensure anaerobic digestion technology
5 projects are not unduly delayed; requiring the Department, in coordination with
6 certain State agencies, to establish certain guidance for farmers regarding the
7 development and implementation of anaerobic digestion technology; and generally
8 relating to anaerobic digestion technology.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Agriculture

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

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Agriculture**

18 **SUBTITLE 23. ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY.**

19 **2–2301.**

20 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY**
21 **ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE DEPARTMENT**
22 **OF COMMERCE, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND**
23 **NATURAL RESOURCES, ELECTRIC COMPANIES, FARMERS, AND INDUSTRY TO**
24 **ENSURE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS ARE NOT UNDULY**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 DELAYED.

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

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

9 (I) OBTAINING REQUIRED PERMITS AND ELECTRIC
10 INTERCONNECTION;

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

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

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