

# SENATE BILL 808

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

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.