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**By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Energy Administration, Maryland)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration - Authority to Implement Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying and defining the scope of the authority of the Maryland  
4 Energy Administration to implement certain administrative and energy  
5 conservation programs; providing for the effective date of this Act;and generally  
6 relating to the authority of the Maryland Energy Administration.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
9 Section 10-702  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

15 10-702.

16 The Maryland Energy Administration shall:

17 (1) Provide advisory, consultative, training and educational services,  
18 technical assistance and grant and loan funds therefor, and financial assistance to any  
19 municipality, county, State unit, local public agency, nonprofit organization, or private  
20 entity, in order to establish or carry out sound energy policies or practices, including  
21 energy management and energy conservation;

22 (2) Assume those responsibilities delegated to the State energy offices  
23 pursuant to the orders, rules, and regulations promulgated in accordance with any federal  
24 laws relating to the allocation, conservation, development, or consumption of energy  
25 resources or any other delegation of federal authority pertaining to energy;

26 (3) Evaluate and coordinate energy related policies and activities among all  
27 agencies of the executive branch of the State and, where appropriate, those of the various  
28 local governments;

1 (4) Collect, analyze, and evaluate statistics and information related to  
2 energy use, conservation, consumption, and energy production and to coordinate  
3 information related to energy resources, including electricity, natural gas, and the  
4 production of oil and natural gas, with the Public Service Commission, the Power Plant  
5 Research Program, and the Maryland Geological Survey;

6 (5) Serve as liaison between federal and State agencies for all matters  
7 related to energy and maintain liaison with energy agencies in sister states;

8 (6) Develop and conduct education and communications programs for and  
9 disseminate informative materials to the general public in energy production, supply, and  
10 conservation;

11 (7) Provide for, encourage, and assist, where practicable, public  
12 participation in the development and dissemination of energy programs;

13 (8) In cooperation with the Maryland Department of General Services,  
14 monitor the energy savings accrued by the energy management and conservation efforts  
15 undertaken by agencies of State government;

16 (9) Coordinate and direct integrated energy planning for State agencies and  
17 the general public which recognizes the benefits and costs of energy conservation and  
18 improved efficiency;

19 (10) Promote the transfer and commercialization of energy conservation  
20 methods and energy technology from private and public laboratories to the citizens of the  
21 State;

22 (11) Cooperate and coordinate with other State agencies in the research and  
23 development of energy conservation methods and alternative energy technologies; [and]

24 (12) Develop strategic plans and implement policies relating to energy supply  
25 management, including the promotion and supervision of research on alternative fuels  
26 and energy emergency management;

27 (13) AS APPROPRIATE, ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, LEASES, AND  
28 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OTHER STATES,  
29 OTHER STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,  
30 PRIVATE ENTITIES, AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS TO:

31 (I) ESTABLISH OR IMPLEMENT THE STATE'S ENERGY  
32 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIVITIES; AND

33 (II) CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS DEFINED  
34 BY §§ 10-702 AND 10-704 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

35 (14) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT  
36 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OR MEASURES:

37 (I) FOR WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE AND  
38 WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW OR FEDERAL LAW, REGULATION, OR  
39 ORDER; AND

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1 (II) OTHERWISE DELEGATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION BY LAW  
2 OR AGREEMENT.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 1996.