

BY: Senator Pinsky

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 224, AS AMENDED
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, strike "Obsolete" and substitute "Maryland Energy Administration -".

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments (HB0224/537351/1), in line 1 of Amendment No. 1, after "Companies" insert "- Energy Utilization and Inventory"; in line 7, after "manner;" insert "directing the Maryland Energy Administration to perform an energy inventory of Maryland's energy utilization and future needs for certain purposes; directing the Maryland Energy Administration to make certain recommendations for certain energy utilization reductions; directing the Maryland Energy Administration to perform an energy inventory of alternative energy sources and alternative methods of energy consumption and distribution for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to submit a certain report to the Public Service Commission;"; and in the same line, after "companies" insert "and the Maryland Energy Administration".

On page 2 of the bill, after line 5, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-2003

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)";

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 11 of the bill, after line 9, insert:

"Article - State Government

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9-2003.

The Administration shall:

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

(2) assume those responsibilities delegated to the State energy offices in accordance with the orders, rules, and regulations adopted under any federal laws relating to the allocation, conservation, development, or consumption of energy resources or any other delegation of federal authority pertaining to energy;

(3) evaluate and coordinate energy related policies and activities among all agencies of the Executive Branch of the State and, where appropriate, those of the various local governments;

(4) collect, analyze, and evaluate statistics and information related to RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL energy use, conservation, consumption, and energy production and coordinate information related to energy resources, including electricity, natural gas, and the production of oil and natural gas, with the Public Service Commission, the Power Plant Research Program, and the Maryland Geological Survey;

(5) CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ENERGY INVENTORY OF MARYLAND'S CURRENT LEVEL OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND UTILIZATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES, AND COMPILE THAT INFORMATION INTO A FORM WHICH MAY BE EASILY ANALYZED AND EVALUATED;

(6) COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND EVALUATE STATISTICS AND INFORMATION RELATED TO FUTURE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL ENERGY NEEDS;

(7) FORMULATE STRATEGIC PLANS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO REDUCING ENERGY USE AND CONSUMPTION, FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL APPLICATIONS;

(8) RESEARCH, COLLECT, AND ANALYZE INFORMATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND

ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND DISTRIBUTION THAT WOULD MAXIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS;

[(5)] (9) serve as liaison between federal and State agencies for all matters related to energy and maintain liaison with energy agencies in other states;

[(6)] (10) develop and conduct education and communications programs for and disseminate informative materials to the public on energy production, supply, and conservation;

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

[(8)] (12) in cooperation with the Department of General Services, monitor the energy savings accrued by the energy management and conservation efforts undertaken by agencies of State government;

[(9)] (13) coordinate and direct integrated energy planning for State agencies and the public that recognizes the benefits and costs of energy conservation and improved efficiency;

[(10)] (14) promote the transfer and commercialization of energy conservation methods and energy technology from private and public laboratories to the citizens of the State;

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

[(12)] (16) develop strategic plans and implement policies relating to energy supply management, including the promotion and supervision of research on alternative fuels and energy emergency management.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3 of the Finance Committee Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 3, after “2000.” insert:

(Over)

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Energy Administration shall periodically report to the Public Service Commission on the information it obtains under this Act.”;

and in line 3, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.