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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration - Energy Utilization - Energy Inventory**

3 FOR the purpose of directing the Maryland Energy Administration to perform an
4 energy inventory of Maryland's energy utilization and future needs for certain
5 purposes; directing the Maryland Energy Administration to make certain
6 recommendations for certain energy utilization reductions; directing the
7 Maryland Energy Administration to perform an energy inventory of alternative
8 energy sources and alternative methods of energy consumption and distribution
9 for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Maryland Energy
10 Administration.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - State Government
13 Section 9-2003
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, Energy conservation is an asset to the public welfare and
18 environmental well-being of the State; and

19 WHEREAS, Energy conservation is an essential component of the ongoing
20 effort to protect the natural environment of our State; and

21 WHEREAS, The exploration of the viability of new and sustainable energy
22 sources will lead to an increase in the general well-being of the public; now, therefore,

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

3 **Article - State Government**

4 9-2003.

5 The Administration shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (8) RESEARCH, COLLECT, AND ANALYZE INFORMATION AND MAKE
35 RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND
36 ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND DISTRIBUTION THAT
37 WOULD MAXIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS;

1 [(5)] (9) serve as liaison between federal and State agencies for all
2 matters related to energy and maintain liaison with energy agencies in other states;

3 [(6)] (10) develop and conduct education and communications programs
4 for and disseminate informative materials to the public on energy production, supply,
5 and conservation;

6 [(7)] (11) provide for, encourage, and assist, where practicable, public
7 participation in the development and dissemination of energy programs;

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

11 [(9)] (13) coordinate and direct integrated energy planning for State
12 agencies and the public that recognizes the benefits and costs of energy conservation
13 and improved efficiency;

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

17 [(11)] (15) cooperate and coordinate with other State agencies in the
18 research and development of energy conservation methods and alternative energy
19 technologies; and

20 [(12)] (16) develop strategic plans and implement policies relating to
21 energy supply management, including the promotion and supervision of research on
22 alternative fuels and energy emergency management.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1998.