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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration - Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program in the
4 Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to individuals for a portion
5 of the cost of installing a geothermal heat pump; requiring the Maryland Energy
6 Administration to administer the Program, establish certain procedures, and
7 award grants of not more than a certain amount under the Program; defining
8 certain terms; and generally relating to the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant
9 Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - State Government
12 Section 9-2008
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - State Government**

18 9-2008.

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
20 INDICATED.

21 (2) "GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP" MEANS A HEATING AND COOLING
22 DEVICE THAT IS INSTALLED:

23 (I) USING GROUND LOOP TECHNOLOGY; AND

24 (II) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2004, IN A NEW OR REMODELED
25 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.

1 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP GRANT
2 PROGRAM.

3 (B) THERE IS A GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP GRANT PROGRAM IN THE
4 ADMINISTRATION.

5 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS
6 FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING A GEOTHERMAL HEAT
7 PUMP.

8 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

9 (1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

10 (2) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM; AND

11 (3) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM.

12 (E) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED \$3,000 OR
13 20% OF THE INSTALLED COST OF THE GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2006,
15 funding for the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program shall be as provided in the
16 State budget. It is the intent of the General Assembly that beginning in fiscal year
17 2007, at least \$500,000 shall be included in the State budget for the Geothermal Heat
18 Pump Grant Program.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2005.