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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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

3 (I) USING GROUND LOOP TECHNOLOGY; ~~AND~~

4 (II) ~~ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2004, IN A NEW OR REMODELED~~  
5 ~~SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING.~~

6 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP GRANT  
7 PROGRAM.

8 (B) THERE IS A GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP GRANT PROGRAM IN THE  
9 ADMINISTRATION.

10 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS  
11 FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING A GEOTHERMAL HEAT  
12 PUMP.

13 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

14 (1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

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

16 (3) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM.

17 (E) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED ~~\$3,000~~ \$1,000  
18 ~~OR 20% OF THE INSTALLED COST OF THE GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM, WHICHEVER IS~~  
19 ~~LESS.~~

20 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2006,~~  
21 ~~funding for the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program shall be as provided in the~~  
22 ~~State budget. It is the intent of the General Assembly that beginning in fiscal year~~  
23 ~~2007, at least \$500,000 shall be included in the State budget for the Geothermal Heat~~  
24 ~~Pump Grant Program.~~

25 ~~SECTION 3. 2.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect July 1, 2005.