By: **Delegates Bartlett, Hogan, and King** Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2006 Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN	ACT	concerning
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Solar Energy Grant Program

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amounts and percentages authorized to be

- 4 awarded under certain provisions of the Solar Energy Grant Program; and
- 5 generally relating to the Solar Energy Grant Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 7 Article State Government
- 8 Section 9-2007
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article - State Government

14 9-2007.

- 15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 16 (2) "Photovoltaic property" means solar energy property that uses a solar
- 17 photovoltaic process to generate electricity and that meets applicable performance
- 18 and quality standards and certification requirements in effect at the time of
- 19 acquisition of the property, as specified by the Maryland Energy Administration.
- 20 (3) "Program" means the Solar Energy Grant Program.
- 21 (4) (i) "Solar energy property" means equipment that uses solar
- 22 energy:
- 23 1. to generate electricity;
- 24 2. to heat or cool a structure or provide hot water for use in a
- 25 structure; or

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1	3. to provide solar process heat.			
	(ii) "Solar energy property" does not include a swimming pool, hot y storage medium that has a function other than storage.			
4 (5)	"Solar water heating property" means solar energy property that:			
	(i) when installed in connection with a structure, uses solar energy viding hot water for use within the structure; and			
8 certification requireme	(ii) meets applicable performance and quality standards and onts in effect at the time of acquisition of the property, as and Energy Administration.			
10 (b) There is a	a Solar Energy Grant Program in the Administration.			
11 (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to individuals, local 12 governments, and businesses for a portion of the costs of acquiring and installing 13 photovoltaic property and solar water heating property.				
14 (d) The Adm	inistration shall:			
15 (1)	administer the Program;			
16 (2)	establish application procedures for the Program; and			
17 (3)	award grants from the Program.			
18 (e) A grant a	warded under the Program may not exceed:			
	for photovoltaic property installed on residential property, the lesser r [20%] 50% of the total installed cost of the photovoltaic			
	for photovoltaic property installed on nonresidential property, the 0%] \$50,000 OR 50% of the total installed cost of the photovoltaic			
	for solar water heating property, the lesser of [\$2,000] \$2,500 or l installed cost of the solar water heating property.			
 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006. 				