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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Energy and Economic Development Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community Energy and Economic Development  
4 Grant Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the  
5 Maryland Energy Administration to manage, supervise, and administer the  
6 Program; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations;  
7 establishing eligibility requirements, application procedures, and  
8 documentation requirements for grants from the Program; limiting the amount  
9 of grants from the Program; ~~requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources, in~~  
10 ~~consultation with the Director of the Administration, to coordinate the~~  
11 ~~preparation of a budget to support the Program;~~ establishing a Community  
12 Energy and Economic Development Grant Program Fund; limiting the uses of  
13 the Fund; establishing the composition of the Fund from sources including the  
14 environmental surcharge; providing for the investment of money in the Fund;  
15 ~~requiring the Governor to make a certain appropriation to the Fund each year;~~  
16 ~~providing for a certain transfer of money to the Fund; requiring the Public~~  
17 ~~Service Commission to include certain funding for the Program in setting the~~  
18 ~~level of the environmental surcharge~~ altering the amount of the environmental  
19 surcharge for each account for each retail electric customer for a specified period  
20 of time; extending the date by which the environmental trust surcharge may be  
21 imposed; requiring that a specified amount of the Environmental Trust Fund be  
22 provided to the Administration for the Community Energy and Economic  
23 Development Grant Program for a specified period of time; altering the name of  
24 a certain program; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct post audits of  
25 the Fund; requiring the Administration to report to the General Assembly on or  
26 before a certain date; and generally relating to the Community Energy and  
27 Economic Development Grant Program.

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article - Natural Resources  
3 Section 3-302  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Public Utility Companies  
8 Section 7-203  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - State Government  
13 Section 9-21A-01 through 9-21A-11, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
14 "Subtitle 21A. Community Energy and Economic Development Grant  
15 Program"  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, The Power Plant Assessment Program within the Department of  
20 Natural Resources plays an essential role in ensuring that the State's energy needs  
21 are met with minimal impact on the environment; and

22 WHEREAS, The Power Plant Assessment Program, in order to fulfill its  
23 mandate through the Power Plant Siting Act of 1971, must conduct highly detailed  
24 scientific and technical analyses of power generation and transmission projects and  
25 their impacts on the State and coordinate among numerous State agencies; and

26 WHEREAS, The Environmental Trust Fund was created for the sole purpose of  
27 funding the Power Plant Assessment Program in recognition of the fact that no  
28 alternative funding sources exist; and

29 WHEREAS, The that the Environmental Trust Fund should remain dedicated  
30 to funding the needs of the Power Plant Assessment Program, and that any moneys  
31 from the Environmental Trust Fund that are used to support the Community Energy  
32 and Economic Development Grant Program or other programs outside the explicit  
33 mandate of the Power Plant Siting Act of 1971 should be identified only after the  
34 needs of the Power Plant Assessment Program are met; and

35 WHEREAS, The use of the Environmental Trust Fund to meet the needs of the  
36 Power Plant Assessment Program should be protected in the future; now, therefore,

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

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**Article - Natural Resources**

2 3-302.

3 (a) There is an Environmental Trust Fund. For the purpose of this subtitle,  
4 there is established as an added cost of electricity distributed to retail electric  
5 customers within the State, an environmental surcharge per kilowatt hour of electric  
6 energy distributed in the State to be paid by any electric company as defined in §  
7 1-101 of the Public Utility Companies Article. The Public Service Commission shall  
8 impose the surcharge per kilowatt hour of electric energy distributed to retail electric  
9 customers within the State and shall authorize the electric companies to add the full  
10 amount of the surcharge to retail electric customers' bills. To the extent that the  
11 surcharge is not collected from retail electric customers, the surcharge shall be  
12 deemed a cost of distribution and shall be allowed and computed as such, together  
13 with other allowable expenses, for rate-making purposes. Revenues from the  
14 surcharge shall be collected by the Comptroller and placed in the Fund.

15 (b) (1) The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Maryland  
16 Energy Administration, annually shall coordinate the preparation of a budget  
17 required to carry out the provisions of this subtitle ~~AND TO SUPPORT THE~~  
18 ~~COMMUNITY ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM UNDER~~  
19 ~~TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 21A OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~ Upon approval of the  
20 budget by the General Assembly ~~AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS~~  
21 ~~SUBSECTION~~, the Public Service Commission shall establish the amount of the  
22 surcharge per kilowatt hour for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1972, and for each  
23 subsequent fiscal year.

24 (2) ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle (I) EXCEPT AS~~  
25 ~~PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH~~, the amount of the  
26 surcharge for each account for each retail electric customer may not exceed ~~the lesser~~  
27 ~~of 0.15 mill per kilowatt hour or~~.

28 (II) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS~~  
29 ~~PARAGRAPH, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND JULY 1, 2007, THE~~  
30 ~~AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE FOR EACH ACCOUNT OF EACH RETAIL ELECTRIC~~  
31 ~~CUSTOMER SHALL BE 0.15 MILL PER KILOWATT HOUR.~~

32 (III) ~~A RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMER MAY NOT BE CHARGED MORE~~  
33 ~~THAN \$1,000 per month and the~~.

34 (IV) ~~THE~~ surcharge may not continue beyond fiscal year ~~2010~~ 2020.

35 (3) The Comptroller shall maintain the method of collection of the  
36 surcharge from the companies and the collections shall accrue to the Fund. The  
37 Department shall credit against the amount required to be paid into the  
38 Environmental Trust Fund by each electric company an amount equal to 0.75% of the  
39 total surcharge attributed to each company on the basis of the electricity distributed  
40 within Maryland.

1 (c) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Fund. The Fund is subject to the  
 2 provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of  
 3 Budget and Management. Any investment earnings of the Fund shall be credited to  
 4 the General Fund of the State. The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not  
 5 subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. Except as provided  
 6 in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the moneys in the Fund shall be used to carry out  
 7 the provisions of this subtitle as provided for in the budget, except that 10% of all  
 8 moneys accruing to the Fund from July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1983 shall be used  
 9 to supplement funds necessary to carry out the duties of the People's Counsel of the  
 10 Public Service Commission. The People's Counsel shall submit an annual budget of  
 11 necessary supplemental funds to the Department to be incorporated in the  
 12 Department's budget. For the purposes of this subtitle, the Secretary, in consultation  
 13 with the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, may execute appropriate  
 14 contracts with any State or federal agency, research organization, industry, or  
 15 academic institution to conduct the necessary research, construct or acquire, or both,  
 16 real property including physical predictive models, laboratories, buildings, land, and  
 17 appurtenances, or support the technological development of extraordinary systems  
 18 related to power plants designed to minimize environmental impact. The Secretary  
 19 may utilize available expertise in any other State unit in the development, execution,  
 20 and management of contracts and agreements on projects relating to their areas of  
 21 prime responsibility.

22 (2) (4) Moneys in the Fund may be used for administrative costs  
 23 calculated in accordance with § 1-103(b)(2) of this article.

24 (H) ~~\$2,000,000 FROM THE FUND SHALL BE DEPOSITED EACH YEAR~~  
 25 ~~IN THE COMMUNITY ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND.~~

26 (d) (1) The Maryland Energy Administration shall receive administrative  
 27 and fiscal support from the Fund for COSTS AND EXPENSES TO IMPLEMENT studies  
 28 AND PROGRAMS relating to the conservation or production of electric energy,  
 29 INCLUDING RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

30 (2) Fiscal support to the Maryland Energy Administration from the  
 31 Fund;

32 (I) may not exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year FOR  
 33 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR STUDIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO  
 34 CONSERVATION OR PRODUCTION OF ENERGY; AND

35 (II) FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND JULY 1,  
 36 2007, SHALL BE AN AMOUNT FOR THE COMMUNITY ENERGY AND ECONOMIC  
 37 DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN TITLE 21A OF THE STATE  
 38 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE EQUAL TO THE BALANCE IN THE FUND THAT EXCEEDS THE  
 39 TOTAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

40 1. THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR'S APPROPRIATION TO THE  
 41 DEPARTMENT FROM THE FUND; AND





1 (F) "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION" MEANS A CORPORATION, FOUNDATION,  
2 SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY, NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF  
3 WHICH BENEFIT ANY PRIVATE SHAREHOLDER OR INDIVIDUAL HOLDING AN  
4 INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATION.

5 (G) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COMMUNITY ENERGY AND ECONOMIC  
6 DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

7 (H) "RENEWABLE SOURCE" MEANS A TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCE ~~OR TIER 2~~  
8 ~~RENEWABLE SOURCE~~, AS DEFINED IN § 7-701 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES  
9 ARTICLE.

10 9-21A-02.

11 THERE IS A COMMUNITY ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT  
12 PROGRAM IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

13 9-21A-03.

14 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT  
15 ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THAT OPERATE COMMUNITY ENERGY  
16 PROGRAMS PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND  
17 INCREASED MARKET COMPETITION FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCTS.

18 9-21A-04.

19 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

20 (1) MANAGE, SUPERVISE, AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

21 (2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT GRANTS ARE PROVIDED  
22 ONLY TO PROJECTS THAT CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM; AND

23 (3) ATTACH THE SPECIFIC TERMS TO ANY GRANT THAT THE  
24 ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE  
25 PROGRAM IS FULFILLED.

26 9-21A-05.

27 IN FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION  
28 SHALL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO THE STATE OF ASSISTING RESIDENTS OF  
29 MODERATE INCOME, AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, ~~AND FARMERS~~.

30 9-21A-06.

31 TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR  
32 LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE  
33 PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM WILL:

34 (1) SELL ELECTRICITY FROM A RENEWABLE SOURCE TO RESIDENTS  
35 AND BUSINESSES IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION;

1 (2) OFFER ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY COLLECTIVELY;

3 (3) ~~MAKE LOW INTEREST LOANS TO RESIDENTS FOR THE~~  
4 ~~INSTALLATION OF SOLAR OR GEOTHERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATORS ON THEIR~~  
5 ~~PROPERTY;~~

6 (4) PROVIDE A CENTRALIZED INFORMATION SOURCE ON RENEWABLE  
7 ENERGY ISSUES;

8 (5) (4) PUBLICIZE THE ACTIONS OF BUSINESSES THAT PURCHASE  
9 ELECTRICITY FROM A RENEWABLE SOURCE;

10 (6) (5) PROVIDE LOW-COST ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSULTATION TO  
11 ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS;

12 (7) ~~PROVIDE REBATES TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS FOR THE PURCHASE~~  
13 ~~OF ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND WINDOWS;~~

14 (8) (6) FUND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR TECHNICIANS OF  
15 RENEWABLE SOURCE POWER SYSTEMS;

16 (9) (7) PROVIDE GRANTS FOR MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ~~AND~~  
17 ~~MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS~~ TO PURCHASE RENEWABLE SOURCE POWER  
18 SYSTEMS;

19 (10) (8) PROVIDE GRANTS FOR MODERATE-INCOME RESIDENTS TO  
20 IMPROVE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY; OR

21 (11) ~~PROVIDE GRANTS OR LOW INTEREST LOANS TO FARMERS FOR THE~~  
22 ~~INSTALLATION ON FARMS OF GENERATORS THAT PRODUCE ELECTRICITY FROM A~~  
23 ~~RENEWABLE SOURCE; OR~~

24 (12) (9) CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IN A MANNER  
25 APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

26 9-21A-07.

27 (A) (1) TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, A NONPROFIT  
28 ORGANIZATION OR LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE  
29 ADMINISTRATION.

30 (2) IF AN APPLICANT IS A LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE APPLICATION  
31 MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICER OR, IF NONE, BY THE GOVERNING  
32 BODY OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

33 (B) THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN:

34 (1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM;



1 (2) THE PROJECTED COST OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENERGY  
2 PROGRAM;

3 (3) THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY, IF ANY, A PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENERGY  
4 PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO SAVE OVER A DEFINED PERIOD OF TIME;

5 (4) THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY COST SAVINGS, IF ANY, A PROPOSED  
6 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE OVER A DEFINED  
7 PERIOD OF TIME;

8 (5) A DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANT'S CONTRIBUTION TO A  
9 PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY § 9-21A-08 OF THIS  
10 SUBTITLE; AND

11 (6) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS  
12 NECESSARY.

13 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY EACH APPLICANT OF ITS DECISION  
14 ON WHETHER TO AWARD A GRANT WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE  
15 APPLICATION.

16 (D) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR LOCAL JURISDICTION RECEIVING A  
17 GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BEGIN THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM  
18 FOR WHICH THE GRANT IS AWARDED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER RECEIVING THE  
19 GRANT.

20 9-21A-08.

21 (A) (1) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED  
22 \$1,000,000 FOR THE DURATION OF THE GRANT.

23 (2) IN MAKING GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION  
24 SHALL CONSIDER:

25 (I) AN ALLOCATION OF GRANT ASSISTANCE AMONG PROPOSED  
26 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS BASED ON PROJECTED ENERGY COST SAVINGS OR  
27 PROJECTED INCREASES IN RENEWABLE ENERGY USE OR PRODUCTION; AND

28 (II) THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT ASSISTANCE.

29 (B) (1) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL MAKE A  
30 MATCHING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM BEING FUNDED  
31 BY THE GRANT.

32 (2) A GRANT TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT EXCEED FOUR TIMES  
33 THE AMOUNT OF THE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

34 9-21A-09.

35 THE ADMINISTRATION MAY REQUIRE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR LOCAL  
36 JURISDICTION RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, BEFORE A DATE

1 DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WHEN AWARDING THE GRANT, TO  
2 DOCUMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION:

- 3 (1) THE COST OF THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM;
- 4 (2) THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM HAS  
5 SAVED;
- 6 (3) THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY COST SAVINGS THE COMMUNITY ENERGY  
7 PROGRAM HAS PRODUCED; AND
- 8 (4) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS  
9 NECESSARY.

10 9-21A-10.

11 (A) THERE IS A COMMUNITY ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT  
12 FUND.

13 (B) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
14 PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE LOCAL  
15 JURISDICTIONS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

16 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT SPEND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
17 EXPENSES MORE THAN 10% OF THE FUNDS PLACED IN THE FUND.

18 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

19 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT  
20 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

21 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND  
22 THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

23 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

24 (1) ~~MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL~~  
25 ~~TRUST FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-302 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE~~  
26 ~~AND § 7-203 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE RECEIVED BY THE~~  
27 ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 3-302(D)(2)(II) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE FOR  
28 THE USE IN PROGRAMS RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY  
29 EFFICIENCY;

30 (2) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND;

31 (3) MONEY DIRECTED TO THE FUND IN CONNECTION WITH ANY  
32 PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

33 (4) MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND  
34 UNDER § 7-707 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE, AS PROVIDED IN THE  
35 STATE BUDGET; AND

1           (3)    (5)    ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR  
2 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

3       (F)    (1)    THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN  
4 THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

5           (2)    ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO  
6 THE FUND.

7       (G)    EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE  
8 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

9       (H)    THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL  
10 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET  
11 AND MANAGEMENT.

12       (I)    (1)    THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT POST AUDITS OF A  
13 FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE FUND AND OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND  
14 EXPENDITURES MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15           (2)    THE COST OF THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE POST AUDIT  
16 EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE AN OPERATING COST OF THE FUND.

17 ~~9-21A-11.~~

18       ~~EACH YEAR THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN~~  
19 ~~APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 FOR THE FUND TO BE PAID FROM THE~~  
20 ~~ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE UNDER § 3-302 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES~~  
21 ~~ARTICLE AND § 7-203 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE.~~

22       ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding §~~  
23 ~~3-302(e)(2)(ii) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by this Act, for the fiscal~~  
24 ~~year beginning July 1, 2006, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred from the Environmental~~  
25 ~~Trust Fund to the Community Energy and Economic Development Grant Fund.~~

26       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Energy  
27 Administration shall report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2009, in  
28 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of  
29 this Act, including the number of grants that have been awarded, the amount of  
30 money that has been awarded, and the success of the programs awarded grants at  
31 fulfilling the purpose of the Community Energy and Economic Development Grant  
32 Program.

33       SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 June 1, 2006.

