

HOUSE BILL 670

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CF SB 621

By: **Delegate Frick**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use and Property Tax - Exemptions - Solar Energy Equipment and**
3 **Property**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “solar energy equipment” for purposes of
5 an exemption under the sales and use tax for certain geothermal equipment and
6 solar energy equipment; altering the definition of “solar energy property” for
7 purposes of a property tax exemption for certain solar energy equipment; and
8 generally relating to certain tax exemptions for certain solar energy equipment.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Tax – General
11 Section 11–230
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Tax – Property
16 Section 7–242
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Tax – General**

22 11–230.

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) “Geothermal equipment” means equipment that uses ground loop
2 technology to heat and cool a structure.

3 (3) (i) “Solar energy equipment” means equipment that uses solar
4 energy to heat or cool a structure, generate electricity [to be used in a structure], or
5 provide hot water for use in a structure.

6 (ii) “Solar energy equipment” does not include equipment that is
7 part of a nonsolar energy system or that uses any type of recreational facility or
8 equipment as a storage medium.

9 (b) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of geothermal equipment or
10 solar energy equipment.

11 **Article – Tax – Property**

12 7–242.

13 (a) In this section, “solar energy property” means equipment that is installed
14 to use solar energy to generate electricity [to be used in a structure], or provide hot
15 water for use in a structure.

16 (b) Except as provided in § 8–240 of this article, solar energy property is not
17 subject to real property tax.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2009.