

SENATE BILL 188

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund – Allocation of Funds –**
3 **Low–Income Renewable Energy Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of certain moneys in the Maryland Strategic
5 Energy Investment Fund for low–income renewable energy programs; and
6 generally relating to the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and the
7 allocation of moneys from the Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – State Government
10 Section 9–20B–05(a) and (g)(3)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – State Government
15 Section 9–20B–05(h)(1)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – State Government**

21 9–20B–05.

22 (a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) Moneys received each year by the Fund shall be allocated each year as
2 follows:

3 (3) at least 46% for energy efficiency and conservation programs,
4 projects, or activities and demand response programs, of which at least one-half shall
5 be targeted to:

6 (i) the low-income residential sector at no cost to the
7 participants of the programs, projects, or activities; and

8 (ii) the moderate-income residential sector;

9 (h) (1) Energy efficiency and conservation programs under subsection
10 (g)(3) of this section include:

11 (i) low-income energy efficiency **AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**
12 programs;

13 (ii) residential and small business energy efficiency programs;

14 (iii) commercial and industrial energy efficiency programs;

15 (iv) State and local energy efficiency programs;

16 (v) demand response programs;

17 (vi) loan programs and alternative financing mechanisms; and

18 (vii) grants to training funds and other organizations supporting
19 job training for deployment of energy efficiency and energy conservation technology
20 and equipment.

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