

SENATE BILL 188

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By: **Senators Pugh, Exum, Frosh, Garagiola, Glassman, Harrington, Jones, Kelley, Klausmeier, Lenett, McFadden, Peters, and Stone**

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CHAPTER _____

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;
6 expanding the information that the Maryland Energy Administration is
7 required to include in a certain annual report; and generally relating to the
8 Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and the allocation of moneys from
9 the Fund.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 9–20B–05(a) and (g)(3)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – State Government
17 Section 9–20B–05(h)(1) and 9–20B–12
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – State Government**2 9–20B–05.

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

4 (g) Moneys received each year by the Fund shall be allocated each year as
5 follows:6 (3) at least 46% for energy efficiency and conservation programs,
7 projects, or activities and demand response programs, of which at least one-half shall
8 be targeted to:9 (i) the low-income residential sector at no cost to the
10 participants of the programs, projects, or activities; and

11 (ii) the moderate-income residential sector;

12 (h) (1) Energy efficiency and conservation programs under subsection
13 (g)(3) of this section include:14 (i) low-income energy efficiency **AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**
15 programs;

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

17 (iii) commercial and industrial energy efficiency programs;

18 (iv) State and local energy efficiency programs;

19 (v) demand response programs;

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

21 (vii) grants to training funds and other organizations supporting
22 job training for deployment of energy efficiency and energy conservation technology
23 and equipment.24 9–20B–12.25 (a) On or before January 1 of each year, the Administration shall report to
26 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of this article, to the General Assembly
27 on the uses and expenditures of the Fund from the prior fiscal year.28 (b) The report shall include:

1 (1) a detailed accounting of all amounts received by and disbursed
2 from the Fund;

3 (2) all amounts used by the Administration for administrative
4 purposes;

5 (3) programs, projects, and activities included in each category under §
6 9-20B-05(g) of this subtitle;

7 (4) the status of programs, projects, activities, and investments
8 implemented with funds from the Fund, including an evaluation of the impact of the
9 programs, projects, activities, and investments that are directed to low-income or
10 moderate-income residential sectors or to other particular classes of ratepayers;

11 **(5) A DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF**
12 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS DIRECTED TO THE LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL**
13 **SECTOR UNDER § 9-20B-05(H)(1)(I) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING HOW**
14 **CUSTOMERS HAVE RECEIVED ACTUAL BENEFITS OF THESE PROGRAMS;**

15 [(5)](6) an estimate of electricity savings from the programs,
16 projects, activities, and investments;

17 [(6)](7) the number of allowances sold in each auction;

18 [(7)](8) the average allowance price from each auction;

19 [(8)](9) an estimate of revenue from future auctions; and

20 [(9)](10) recommendations for changes to the allocation of funds
21 under § 9-20B-05(g) of this subtitle.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.