

# SENATE BILL 212

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By: **Senator Frosh**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Green Building Council**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the responsibilities of the Green Building Council to  
4 include providing certain recommendations on how to expand green building;  
5 repealing certain obsolete dates; expanding the scope of certain  
6 recommendations that the Council is required to make relating to the  
7 implementation of a certain building program; and generally relating to the  
8 Green Building Council.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
11 Section 4–809(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
16 Section 4–809(f) and (g)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2006 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 – State Finance and Procurement**

22 4–809.

23 (a) There is a Maryland Green Building Council.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) [On or before September 30, 2007, the] **THE** Maryland Green Building  
2 Council shall:

3 (1) evaluate current high performance building technologies;

4 (2) provide recommendations concerning the most cost-effective green  
5 building technologies that the State might consider requiring in the construction of  
6 State facilities, including consideration of the additional cost associated with the  
7 various technologies; [and]

8 **(3) PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HOW TO EXPAND**  
9 **GREEN BUILDING IN THE STATE; AND**

10 [(3)] **(4)** develop a list of building types for which green building  
11 technologies should not be applied, taking into consideration the operational aspects of  
12 facilities evaluated, and the utility of a waiver process where appropriate.

13 (g) On or before [November 1, 2007, and every year thereafter] **NOVEMBER**  
14 **1 OF EACH YEAR**, the Council shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly,  
15 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, as to recommendations  
16 for the implementation plan for a [State] higher performance building program **IN**  
17 **THE STATE** and any progress that has been made during the preceding year.

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