

HOUSE BILL 306

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By: **Delegate Frush**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County**

3 FOR the purpose of reestablishing the Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in
4 Prince George's County; providing for the members of the Task Force; providing
5 for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the Prince George's
6 County government to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of
7 the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; providing that a member of
8 the Task Force may receive reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the
9 Task Force to study certain matters and make certain findings and
10 recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
11 recommendations to the Prince George's County Senators, the Prince George's
12 County Delegation, the Prince George's County Council, the Prince George's
13 County Executive, and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before
14 a certain date; stating a certain intent of the General Assembly concerning
15 technical assistance provided by the Maryland Energy Administration; stating a
16 certain intent of the General Assembly concerning the selection of Task Force
17 members; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
18 Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County.

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That:

21 (a) There is a Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's
22 County to develop a business plan to achieve substantial use of solar hot water
23 systems over a relatively short period of time in a way that saves money for Prince
24 George's County residents and businesses and that reduces carbon emissions.

25 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

26 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Prince
27 George's County, appointed by the President of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who represents Prince
2 George's County, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3 (3) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the
4 Director's designee;

5 (4) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by
6 the chair of the Council;

7 (5) the Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's
8 designee; and

9 (6) one representative from the Maryland Clean Energy Center.

10 (c) The Task Force members shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

11 (d) The Prince George's County government shall provide staff for the Task
12 Force.

13 (e) The Maryland Energy Administration may provide technical assistance.

14 (f) A member of the Task Force:

15 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

16 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
17 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

18 (g) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) study and analyze the use of solar hot water systems in other
20 states and countries to identify ways to support substantial use of solar hot water
21 systems in Prince George's County;

22 (2) analyze current federal, state, and local incentives, and related
23 existing and potential policy tools to support substantial use of solar hot water
24 systems in Prince George's County;

25 (3) analyze policy, financial, market, and other obstacles to
26 implementing solar hot water systems in Prince George's County and ways to
27 overcome the obstacles;

28 (4) explore possibilities to use greenhouse gas markets or other
29 market-based incentives to monetize emission reductions and thereby lower the cost
30 of solar hot water systems;

1 (5) identify the best major markets for implementation of solar hot
2 water systems, including:

3 (i) county buildings;

4 (ii) county schools;

5 (iii) hotels;

6 (iv) restaurants;

7 (v) churches;

8 (vi) commercial properties;

9 (vii) multifamily residential properties; and

10 (viii) single family residential properties; and

11 (6) develop a business plan to achieve substantial use of solar hot
12 water systems in Prince George's County in a way that saves money for Prince
13 George's County residents and businesses and that reduces carbon emissions.

14 (h) On or before December 31, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings
15 and recommendations to the Prince George's County Senators, the Prince George's
16 County Delegation, the Prince George's County Council, and the Prince George's
17 County Executive, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
18 to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
20 General Assembly that any technical assistance provided by the Maryland Energy
21 Administration under Section 1 of this Act shall be provided with the Maryland
22 Energy Administration's existing resources.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
24 General Assembly that, to the extent possible, the individuals appointed to the Task
25 Force reestablished under this Act shall be the same individuals appointed to the Task
26 Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County established under
27 Chapter 649 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010.

28 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 June 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of
30 December 31, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
31 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.