

# HOUSE BILL 362

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By: **Delegate Holmes**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Veterans Affairs – Study of Solar Photovoltaic System –**  
3 **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the  
5 Maryland Energy Administration, the Public Service Commission, and specified  
6 other entities to study the benefits, costs, and feasibility of installing a solar  
7 photovoltaic system at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; requiring the Department to  
8 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain  
9 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain  
10 terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the study  
11 of the benefits, costs, and feasibility of installing a solar photovoltaic system at the  
12 Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That:

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

16 (2) “Administration” means the Maryland Energy Administration.

17 (3) “Commission” means the Public Service Commission.

18 (4) “Department” means the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

19 (5) “Solar photovoltaic system” means a system that is designed to reduce  
20 the energy requirements of a building by using solar panels and other technology to convert  
21 sunlight into electricity.

22 (b) (1) The Department, in consultation with the entities listed in paragraph  
23 (2) of this subsection, shall study the benefits, costs, and feasibility of installing a solar  
24 photovoltaic system at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (2)    In undertaking the study, the Department shall consult with:
- 2                   (i)     the Administration;
- 3                   (ii)    the Commission;
- 4                   (iii)  the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as appropriate; and
- 5                   (iv)  the Administrator for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, as
- 6 appropriate.

7           (c)    The Department shall consult with the entities listed in subsection (b)(2) of

8 this section to study:

- 9                   (1)    the suitability of the facility for installation of a solar photovoltaic
- 10 system;
- 11                   (2)    the potential capacity of a solar photovoltaic system installed at the
- 12 site;
- 13                   (3)    an estimate of costs or a range of potential costs for installation of a
- 14 solar photovoltaic system of varying sizes;
- 15                   (4)    an estimate of energy savings due to installation of a solar photovoltaic
- 16 system of varying sizes; and
- 17                   (5)    available funding sources or financing methods.

18           (d)    The Department shall consult with the entities listed in subsection (b)(2) of

19 this section to make recommendations on:

- 20                   (1)    whether a solar photovoltaic system should be installed at the facility;
- 21 and
- 22                   (2)    what size solar photovoltaic system would maximize energy savings
- 23 and other benefits.

24           (e)    On or before December 15, 2016, the Department shall submit a report of its

25 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the

26 State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters

27 Committee.

28           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June

29 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2017, with

30 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no

31 further force and effect.