

# HOUSE BILL 277

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regional Initiative to Limit or Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in**  
3 **Transportation Sector – Authorization**  
4 **(Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019)**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to include the State as a full participant in a  
6 certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas  
7 emissions from the transportation sector; ~~authorizing the Governor to impose a~~  
8 ~~certain statewide greenhouse gas emission fee on the sale or distribution of motor~~  
9 ~~fuel under certain circumstances~~; requiring the Department of the Environment and  
10 the Department of Transportation to report to ~~certain committees of~~ the General  
11 Assembly on or before ~~a certain date, certain dates and with a certain frequency~~  
12 ~~thereafter~~, on the status of a certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or  
13 reduces greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; requiring the  
14 General Assembly to enact a law approving the withdrawal of the State from a  
15 certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas  
16 emissions from the transportation sector; and generally relating to limiting or  
17 reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Environment

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### 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 Section 2–1204.2  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

6 Article – Environment

7 2–1204.2.

8 (A) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE THE STATE AS A FULL PARTICIPANT IN  
9 ANY REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT  
10 LIMITS OR REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION  
11 SECTOR.

12 (B) ~~IF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA~~  
13 ~~IMPOSES A STATEWIDE OR CITYWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION FEE ON THE SALE~~  
14 ~~OR DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR FUEL, THE GOVERNOR MAY IMPOSE A SIMILAR FEE OF~~  
15 ~~UP TO THE SAME AMOUNT AS THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF~~  
16 ~~VIRGINIA OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.~~

17 (C) ~~ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2019, AND EVERY 6 MONTHS FOR EACH~~  
18 ~~YEAR THEREAFTER FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS THEREAFTER,~~ THE DEPARTMENT AND  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL REPORT TO ~~THE SENATE BUDGET~~  
20 ~~AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND~~  
21 ~~ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE~~  
22 ~~HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND~~  
23 ~~TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE~~  
24 ~~WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,~~ ON THE STATUS OF A  
25 REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT LIMITS OR  
26 REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR,  
27 INCLUDING:

28 (1) WHETHER A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE,  
29 AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT LIMITS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE  
30 TRANSPORTATION SECTOR EXISTS;

31 (2) WHETHER THE GOVERNOR HAS INCLUDED THE STATE AS A FULL  
32 PARTICIPANT IN SUCH AN INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT; AND

33 (3) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OR THE  
34 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERS RELEVANT.

1           ~~(D)~~ (C)           **THE STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL**  
2 **INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE**  
3 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTS A LAW TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
5 1, 2019.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.