

# SENATE BILL 722

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Clean Energy Loan Program – Environmental Remediation and Resiliency**  
3 **Projects**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the purpose of a certain clean energy loan program to include  
5 providing loans to certain property owners to finance certain environmental  
6 remediation projects and resiliency projects; making stylistic changes; defining  
7 certain terms; and generally relating to a clean energy loan program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 1–1101 and 1–1103

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Local Government

15 Section 1–1102

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Local Government**

21 1–1101.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Bond” means a bond, note, or other similar instrument that a county or  
24 municipality issues under this subtitle.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) “Chief executive” means the president, chair, mayor, county executive, or any  
2 other chief executive officer of a county or municipality.

3 (d) “Commercial property” means real property that is:

4 (1) not designed principally or intended for human habitation; or

5 (2) used for human habitation and is improved by more than four single  
6 family dwelling units.

7 **(E) (1) “ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PROJECT” MEANS A PROJECT**  
8 **THAT IS INTENDED TO REMOVE ENVIRONMENTAL OR HEALTH HAZARDS.**

9 **(2) “ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PROJECT” INCLUDES:**

10 **(I) ASBESTOS REMEDIATION;**

11 **(II) LEAD PAINT REMOVAL; AND**

12 **(III) MOLD REMEDIATION.**

13 **[(e)] (F) “Program” means a clean energy loan program established under this**  
14 **subtitle.**

15 **(G) (1) “RESILIENCY PROJECT” MEANS A PROJECT THAT INCREASES THE**  
16 **CAPACITY OF A STRUCTURE OR INFRASTRUCTURE TO WITHSTAND NATURAL**  
17 **DISASTERS AND THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.**

18 **(2) “RESILIENCY PROJECT” INCLUDES:**

19 **(I) A FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT;**

20 **(II) A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT;**

21 **(III) A PROJECT TO INCREASE FIRE OR WIND RESISTANCE;**

22 **(IV) A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF A NATURAL**  
23 **SYSTEM; AND**

24 **(V) AN INUNDATION ADAPTATION PROJECT.**

25 1–1102.

26 A county or municipality may enact an ordinance or a resolution to establish a clean

1 energy loan program.

2 1-1103.

3 (a) The purpose of a program is to provide loans to[:

4 (1)] residential property owners, including low income residential property  
5 owners, **AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS** to finance [energy efficiency and  
6 renewable energy projects; and

7 (2) commercial property owners to finance]:

8 [(i)] (1) energy efficiency projects; [and]

9 (2) **ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PROJECTS;**

10 [(ii)] (3) renewable energy projects; **AND**

11 (4) **RESILIENCY PROJECTS.**

12 (b) A private lender may provide capital for a loan provided to a commercial  
13 property owner under the program.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2020.