

HB0550/593720/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 550
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 2, after “Fund,” insert “requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to study and make recommendations regarding a comprehensive and complementary suite of non-tax-related financial incentives to maximize the installation of solar energy generating systems;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8, after line 29, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) The Maryland Energy Administration shall study and make recommendations regarding a comprehensive and complementary suite of non-tax-related financial incentives to maximize the installation of solar energy generating systems, to facilitate and promote the installation of grid-connected generation of renewable energy, and to meet State renewable energy goals.

(2) The study and recommendations for non-tax-related financial incentives shall address the unique needs and benefits of solar energy generating systems located on:

- (i) residential rooftops;
- (ii) commercial rooftops;
- (iii) parking lots or structures;

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(iv) landfills;

(v) brownfields;

(vi) Superfund sites;

(vii) multifamily housing developments or multidwelling buildings;

(viii) school buildings or lots of real property on which schools are situated;

(ix) property where the solar energy generating system is a portion of a resiliency hub;

(x) property where the solar energy generating system is a portion of a microgrid; and

(xi) property where the solar energy generating system is a community solar project.

(3) In developing the study, the Administration shall:

(i) coordinate its efforts with any simultaneous but distinct efforts addressing possible State policy changes regarding solar energy generating systems, including any efforts to study tax-related incentives;

(ii) solicit comments and recommendations from each relevant solar industry sector as well as a broad spectrum of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders; and

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(iii) hold at least three public meetings and solicit public comment from the meetings and via e-mail.

(4) The Administration may contract with a third party to assist in data collection, general research, analysis, or stakeholder outreach, as determined by the Administration.

(b) (1) (i) On or before December 31, 2023, the Administration shall, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, report interim findings and recommendations on non-tax-related financial incentives for residential rooftop solar to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the General Assembly.

(ii) The interim report shall include an analysis of the existing Residential Clean Energy Rebate Program and recommendations on how Program incentives could be altered or expanded to support rooftop solar.

(2) On or before October 31, 2024, the Administration shall report its final findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the General Assembly.”.

On page 9, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.