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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 469
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Tax**”; in line 3, strike “Tax”; and in line 4, strike “tax”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 13, strike “Tax”.

On page 2, in line 22, strike “and”; in lines 25, 27, and 29, in each instance, strike “at least”; in line 26, after “on” insert “residential”; in line 28, strike “and”; and in line 30, after “generation” insert “servicing low- and moderate-income solar customers; and

(iv) one representative with a history of working with aggregate net metered solar energy generation; and

(12) two representatives of environmental advocacy groups, appointed by the Governor”.

On page 3, strike beginning with “study” in line 11 down through “goals” in line 15 and substitute “:

(1) study:

(i) the impact of solar grant programs, tax credits and exemptions, classification of solar energy property for assessment purposes, solar renewable energy credits, and other financial incentives on the State’s ability to meet the solar energy goals established in the State’s renewable energy portfolio standard under § 7–703 of the Public Utilities Article;

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(ii) the impact of federal solar energy incentives and how to maximize the benefit of federal solar energy incentives in Maryland;

(iii) how the solar alternative compliance fee under § 7-705 of the Public Utilities Article is calculated and its market relationship to the value of solar renewable energy credits; and

(iv) whether different levels or types of incentives should exist for different types of solar development, including customer-sited residential and nonresidential, aggregated net metered, community, and utility scale, based on cost variance and other factors; and

(2) make recommendations regarding measures and incentives needed to ensure:

(i) that the State meets the solar energy goals established in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard;

(ii) minority business enterprise participation in solar development in the State;

(iii) that solar development in the State creates good quality, family-sustaining jobs with training and outreach focused on the communities in which solar development is occurring;

(iv) equitable access to renewable energy in the State; and

(v) the efficient use of land in the State by maximizing the production of solar energy on previously developed property, including rooftops, parking canopies, and brownfields sites or energy or transportation rights of way”.