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By: **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program
4 by extending the duration of the Program, increasing the total amount of rebates
5 issued annually under the Program, repealing the rebates that may be issued to
6 retail service station dealers, limiting the issuance of rebates to one recharging
7 system per individual per address, and authorizing the Maryland Energy
8 Administration to offer additional benefits under certain circumstances; authorizing
9 the use of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund for the Program; and
10 generally relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment and the Maryland
11 Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – State Government
14 Section 9–2009 and 9–20B–05(f)(11) and (12)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – State Government
19 Section 9–20B–05(a) and (g)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – State Government
24 Section 9–20B–05(f)(12)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 9–2009.

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

6 (2) “Electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate” means a rebate issued
7 by the Administration under this section for the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging
8 equipment.

9 (3) **“PROGRAM” MEANS THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING**
10 **EQUIPMENT REBATE PROGRAM.**

11 (4) “Qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment” means property in the
12 State that is used for recharging motor vehicles propelled by electricity.

13 [(4) “Retail service station dealer” has the meaning stated in § 10–101 of
14 the Business Regulation Article.]

15 (b) (1) There is an Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program.

16 (2) The Administration shall administer the Program.

17 (c) (1) For fiscal years 2021 through [2023] **2027**, subject to the provisions of
18 this section, an individual, a business entity, or a unit of State or local government may
19 apply to the Administration for an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate for the
20 costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment.

21 (2) For each fiscal year, the total amount of rebates issued by the
22 Administration may not exceed [\$1,800,000] **\$2,000,000**.

23 (3) The Administration may allow an applicant to include reasonable
24 installation costs in the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment for the
25 purpose of calculating the amount of an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate.

26 (d) Subject to [subsection] **SUBSECTIONS (e) AND (F)** of this section, the
27 Administration may issue an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate to:

28 (1) an individual in an amount equal to the lesser of:

29 (i) 40% of the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric
30 vehicle recharging equipment; or

1 (ii) \$700; OR

2 (2) [except as provided in item (3) of this subsection,] a business entity or
3 unit of State or local government in an amount equal to the lesser of:

4 (i) 40% of the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric
5 vehicle recharging equipment; or

6 (ii) \$4,000[; or

7 (3) a retail service station dealer in an amount equal to the lesser of:

8 (i) 40% of the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric
9 vehicle recharging equipment; or

10 (ii) \$5,000].

11 (e) (1) [An] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
12 **SUBSECTION, AN** electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate issued under this section is
13 limited to the acquisition of one recharging system per individual **PER ADDRESS**.

14 (2) **THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ALTER THE PROGRAM TO OFFER**
15 **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF QUALIFIED ELECTRIC VEHICLE**
16 **RECHARGING EQUIPMENT IN MULTIFAMILY HOUSING, PLANNED URBAN**
17 **DEVELOPMENTS, AND CONDOMINIUMS LOCATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**
18 **COMMUNITIES.**

19 (f) (1) The Administration may adopt regulations to carry out this section.

20 (2) The regulations adopted under this subsection may include:

21 (i) further limitations on the maximum amount of an electric vehicle
22 recharging equipment rebate that may be claimed by an applicant under subsection (d) of
23 this section;

24 (ii) **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF**
25 **QUALIFIED ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT IN MULTIFAMILY**
26 **HOUSING, PLANNED URBAN DEVELOPMENTS, AND CONDOMINIUMS LOCATED IN**
27 **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES;**

28 (III) a requirement that an applicant demonstrate compliance with a
29 State, local, or federal law that applies to the installation or operation of the qualified
30 electric vehicle recharging equipment; and

31 [(iii)] (IV) any additional application and qualification requirements

1 [deemed] **THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS** appropriate [by the Administration].

2 **(G) NOTWITHSTANDING § 9-20B-05(G) OF THIS TITLE, FOR FISCAL YEARS**
3 **2025 THROUGH 2027, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET**
4 **BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$2,000,000 FROM THE MARYLAND**
5 **STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND FOR THE PROGRAM.**

6 9-20B-05.

7 (a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

8 (f) The Administration shall use the Fund:

9 (11) to provide at least \$500,000 each year to the Resiliency Hub Grant
10 Program Fund under § 9-2011 of this title; [and]

11 **(12) FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT REBATE**
12 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-2009 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

13 **[(12)] (13)** to pay the expenses of the Program.

14 (g) Proceeds received by the Fund from the sale of allowances under § 2-1002(g)
15 of the Environment Article shall be allocated as follows:

16 (1) at least 50% shall be credited to an energy assistance account to be used
17 for the Electric Universal Service Program and other electricity assistance programs in the
18 Department of Human Services;

19 (2) at least 20% shall be credited to a low and moderate income efficiency
20 and conservation programs account and to a general efficiency and conservation programs
21 account for energy efficiency and conservation programs, projects, or activities and demand
22 response programs, of which at least one-half shall be targeted to the low and moderate
23 income efficiency and conservation programs account for:

24 (i) the low-income residential sector at no cost to the participants
25 of the programs, projects, or activities; and

26 (ii) the moderate-income residential sector;

27 (3) at least 20% shall be credited to a renewable and clean energy programs
28 account for:

29 (i) renewable and clean energy programs and initiatives;

30 (ii) energy-related public education and outreach; and

1 (iii) climate change and resiliency programs; and

2 (4) up to 10%, but not more than \$5,000,000, shall be credited to an
3 administrative expense account for costs related to the administration of the Fund,
4 including the review of electric company plans for achieving electricity savings and demand
5 reductions that the electric companies are required under law to submit to the
6 Administration.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2023.