

# SENATE BILL 469

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By: **Senators Elfreth and Guzzone**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Solar Tax Incentives**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Solar Tax Incentives; and  
4 generally relating to solar tax incentives.

5 Preamble

6 WHEREAS, The State has set a State renewable energy goal; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the need to preserve the State's prime  
8 agricultural land for agricultural production; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the need to preserve forest land and  
10 tree canopy for clean air and clean water; now, therefore,

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Solar Tax Incentives.

14 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

15 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
16 the Senate;

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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                   (2)    two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
2 the House;
- 3                   (3)    the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Director's  
4 designee;
- 5                   (4)    the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, or the Chairman's  
6 designee;
- 7                   (5)    the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, or  
8 the Director's designee;
- 9                   (6)    three representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties  
10 representing rural, suburban, and urban counties, respectively, designated by the  
11 Maryland Association of Counties;
- 12                   (7)    two representatives of organized labor, designated by the Maryland  
13 State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO;
- 14                   (8)    one representative of the Office of People's Counsel, designated by the  
15 People's Counsel;
- 16                   (9)    two representatives of the construction industry, including:
- 17                   (i)    one representative designated by the Maryland Minority  
18 Contractors Association; and
- 19                   (ii)   one representative designated by the Associated Builders and  
20 Contractors of Maryland;
- 21                   ~~(7)~~ ~~(9)~~ (10) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League,  
22 designated by the Maryland Municipal League; and
- 23                   ~~(8)~~ ~~(10)~~ (11) four representatives of the solar energy industry, appointed by  
24 the Governor, including:
- 25                   (i)    at least one representative with a history of working with solar  
26 panels installed on rooftops;
- 27                   (ii)   at least one representative with a history of working with solar  
28 panels installed on the ground; and
- 29                   (iii) at least one representative with a history of working with  
30 community solar energy generation.

1           (c) To the extent practicable, the membership of the Task Force shall reflect the  
2 racial, gender, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the State, according to the most recent  
3 census data.

4           ~~(e)~~ (d) The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration shall designate the chair  
5 of the Task Force.

6           ~~(d)~~ (e) The Maryland Energy Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7           ~~(e)~~ (f) A member of the Task Force:

8                   (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

9                   (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
10 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

11           ~~(f)~~ (g) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding a tax  
12 strategy that is more competitive than the State's current strategy to maximize the  
13 installation of rooftop solar panels and community solar energy generating systems, to  
14 facilitate and promote installation of grid-connected generation of renewable energy, and  
15 to meet the State's renewable energy goals.

16           ~~(g)~~ (h) On or before December 15, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the  
18 General Assembly.

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2024, this  
21 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
22 further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.