

# HOUSE BILL 990

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters/Education, Energy, and the Environment* —

Introduced by **Delegate Stein**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions – Manufacturers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “manufacturing” for purposes of certain  
4 greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements to exclude the production of  
5 cement; altering the application of certain provisions of law regarding the reduction  
6 of greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing sector to apply only to persons  
7 that engaged in manufacturing in a certain year; altering certain prohibitions that  
8 apply to a State agency’s implementation of a final plan to reduce statewide  
9 greenhouse gas emissions; requiring the Department of the Environment to make  
10 certain considerations and consult with certain stakeholders related to the  
11 regulation of the production of cement; and generally relating to greenhouse gas  
12 emissions reductions and manufacturers.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Article – Environment  
2 Section 2–1202(a) and 2–1205(a)  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Environment  
7 Section 2–1202(h) and 2–1205(g) and (h)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Environment  
12 Section 2–1205(h)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Environment**

18 2–1202.

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

20 (h) (1) “Manufacturing” means the process of substantially transforming, or a  
21 substantial step in the process of substantially transforming, tangible personal property  
22 into a new and different article of tangible personal property by the use of labor or  
23 machinery.

24 (2) “Manufacturing”, when performed by companies primarily engaged in  
25 the activities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, includes:

26 (i) The operation of saw mills, grain mills, or feed mills;

27 (ii) The operation of machinery and equipment used to extract and  
28 process minerals, metals, or earthen materials or by-products that result from the  
29 extracting or processing; and

30 (iii) Research and development activities.

31 (3) “Manufacturing” does not include:

32 (i) Activities that are primarily a service;

33 (ii) Activities that are intellectual, artistic, or clerical in nature;

1 (iii) Public utility services, including gas, electric, water, and steam  
2 production services; [or]

3 (iv) **THE PRODUCTION OF CEMENT; OR**

4 (v) Any other activity that would not commonly be considered as  
5 manufacturing.

6 2–1205.

7 (a) The State shall develop plans, adopt regulations, and implement programs  
8 that reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with this subtitle.

9 (g) (1) **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLY ONLY TO**  
10 **PERSONS WHO ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING IN 2023.**

11 (2) (I) Unless required by federal law or regulations or existing State  
12 law, regulations adopted by State agencies to implement a final plan may not:

13 [(i)] 1. Require **ANY MANUFACTURER TO REDUCE** greenhouse  
14 gas emissions [reductions from the State’s manufacturing sector] **BELOW THE EMISSIONS**  
15 **LEVELS FOR THAT MANUFACTURER IN 2023; ~~or~~**

16 [(ii)] 2. Cause [a significant] AN increase in costs to [the State’s  
17 manufacturing sector] **A MANUFACTURER THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND THE**  
18 **COSTS THAT WERE INCURRED BY THAT MANUFACTURER IN 2023; OR**

19 **3. REQUIRE ANY MANUFACTURER THAT IS ENGAGED IN**  
20 **THE CREATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPONENTS OR TECHNOLOGY AIMED AT**  
21 **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS**  
22 **EMISSIONS.**

23 [(2)] (II) [Paragraph (1)] **SUBPARAGRAPH (I)** of this [subsection]  
24 **PARAGRAPH** may not be construed to exempt greenhouse gas emissions sources in the  
25 State’s manufacturing sector from the obligation to comply with:

26 [(i)] 1. Greenhouse gas emissions monitoring, recordkeeping, and  
27 reporting requirements for which the Department had existing authority under § 2–301(a)  
28 of this title on or before October 1, 2009; or

29 [(ii)] 2. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions required of the  
30 manufacturing sector as a result of the State’s implementation of the Regional Greenhouse  
31 Gas Initiative.

1           **[(h)] (3)** A regulation adopted by a State agency for the purpose of reducing  
2 greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with this section may not be construed to result in  
3 a significant increase in costs to the State's manufacturing sector unless the source would  
4 not incur the cost increase but for the new regulation.

5           **(H) (1) AS PART OF THE CONSIDERATION OF ANY REGULATION OF THE**  
6 **PRODUCTION OF CEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**  
7 **CONSIDER:**

8                   **(I) THE EXTENT TO WHICH CEMENT MANUFACTURING IS AN**  
9 **ENERGY INTENSIVE AND TRADE EXPOSED INDUSTRY;**

10                   **(II) CREDIT FOR EARLY ACTION INVESTMENTS MADE BY**  
11 **CEMENT PRODUCERS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS *OR FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF***  
12 **ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS THAT RESULT IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**  
13 **REDUCTIONS;**

14                   **(III) THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE,**  
15 **FACILITATE, AND OFFER FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE**  
16 **FUEL SOURCES;**

17                   **(IV) THE AVAILABILITY AND COST OF MATURE GREENHOUSE**  
18 **GAS ABATEMENT TECHNOLOGIES; AND**

19                   **(V) ADVANCING POLICIES THAT PROVIDE FINANCIAL**  
20 **INCENTIVES TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF INSTALLING AND TRANSITIONING TO**  
21 **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ABATEMENT TECHNOLOGIES, *INCLUDING THE***  
22 **MANUFACTURING OF MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY THAT RESULTS IN GREENHOUSE**  
23 **GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS.**

24                   **(2) IN CONSIDERING THE FEASIBILITY OF REGULATION AND THE**  
25 **ITEMS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**  
26 **CONSULT WITH IMPACTED CEMENT PRODUCERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.**

27           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2024.