

**HB1035/383524/1**

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1035, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments (HB1035/123320/1), in line 23 of Amendment No. 1, strike “certain compliance fee revenue paid into”.

On page 4 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, strike in its entirety line 10 of Amendment No. 1 and substitute “Section 9–20B–05(e), (f), and (i)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 43 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, after line 6 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

“(f) The Administration shall use the Fund:

(1) to invest in the promotion, development, and implementation of:

(i) cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation programs, projects, or activities, including measurement and verification of energy savings;

(ii) renewable and clean energy resources;

(iii) climate change programs directly related to reducing or mitigating the effects of climate change; and

(iv) demand response programs that are designed to promote changes in electric usage by customers in response to:

1. changes in the price of electricity over time; or

2. incentives designed to induce lower electricity use at times of high wholesale market prices or when system reliability is jeopardized;

(2) to provide targeted programs, projects, activities, and investments to reduce electricity consumption by customers in the low-income and moderate-income residential sectors;

(3) to provide supplemental funds for low-income energy assistance through the Electric Universal Service Program established under § 7-512.1 of the Public Utilities Article and other electric assistance programs in the Department of Human Services;

(4) to provide rate relief by offsetting electricity rates of residential customers, including an offset of surcharges imposed on ratepayers under Title 7, Subtitle 2, Part II of the Public Utilities Article;

(5) to provide grants, loans, and other assistance and investment as necessary and appropriate to implement the purposes of the Program as set forth in § 9-20B-03 of this subtitle;

(6) to implement energy-related public education and outreach initiatives regarding reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;

(7) to provide rebates under the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program established under § 9-2009 of this title;

(8) to provide grants to encourage combined heat and power projects at industrial facilities;

(9) to provide at least \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year for fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 to the Climate Technology Founder's Fund established under § 10-858 of the Economic Development Article;

(10) subject to subsection (f-2) of this section, to provide at least \$2,100,000 in funding each fiscal year to the Maryland Energy Innovation Fund established under § 10-835 of the Economic Development Article;

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

(12) to provide grants through the Customer–Sited Solar Program under § 9–2016 of this title; [and]

(13) TO PROVIDE \$200,000,000 EACH YEAR TO THE OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5–5A–02 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE; AND

[(13)] (14) to pay the expenses of the Program.”.