

HB1035/473928/1

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1035, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments (HB1035/123320/1), in Amendment No. 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“Electricity and Gas – Emissions, Rate Regulation and Cost Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and Energy Assistance Programs”.

On page 1 of the bill, in line 5, after “of” insert “requiring the State to begin the process of withdrawing from participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative on or before a certain date and to remain withdrawn until certain states are included as full participants in the Initiative.”.

On page 3 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, before “BY” insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Environment

Section 2–1002(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 2–1002(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 73 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 5, before "Article" insert:

"Article – Environment

2-1002.

[(g) (1) In this subsection, "allowance" means one ton of carbon dioxide that may be bought, sold, traded, or banked for use under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

(2) Not later than June 30, 2007, the Governor shall include the State as a full participant in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative among Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states.

(3) The State may withdraw from the Initiative, as provided in the December 20, 2005 memorandum of understanding of the Initiative, at any time after January 1, 2009, if the General Assembly enacts a law to approve the withdrawal.

(4) If the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative expires and there is a successor organization with the same purposes and goals, the Governor is encouraged to join the State in the successor organization.

(5) Notwithstanding § 2-107 of this title, all of the proceeds from the sale of Maryland allowances under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative shall be deposited in the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund under § 9-20B-05 of the State Government Article.

(6) If the State's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ceases for any reason, the Governor shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, regarding:

(i) Why participation ceased; and

(ii) A plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants in the State that considers the use of Maryland grown, native, warm season grasses as a possible method of reducing carbon emissions.]

(G) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2025, THE STATE SHALL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF WITHDRAWING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:".

On page 45 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 3 of Amendment No. 2, strike "4." and substitute "5."; and in line 17, strike "5." and substitute "7.".

On page 50 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in lines 4 and 5 of Amendment No. 2, strike "10." and "14.", respectively, and substitute "12." and "16.", respectively.

On page 24 of the bill, in line 5, after "2025." insert "Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective until each state in the control area administered by PJM Interconnection, LLC is included as a full participant in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. If each state in the control area is included as a full participant in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Section 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".

(Over)

On page 51 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 6 of Amendment No. 2, strike "6" and substitute "7".

On page 49 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in lines 8, 17, and 19 of Amendment No. 2, strike "7", "8", and "9", respectively, and substitute "8", "9", and "10", respectively; in lines 13 and 16, in each instance, strike "3" and substitute "4"; and in line 19, strike "5" and substitute "6".

On page 50 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 6 of Amendment No. 2, strike "11." and substitute "12."; and in line 19, strike "3" and substitute "4".

On page 51 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 3 of Amendment No. 2, strike "12." and substitute "13."; and in the same line, strike "4" and substitute "5".

On page 73 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 17 of Amendment No. 4, strike "6." and substitute "7.".

On page 77 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 1 of Amendment No. 5, strike "13." and substitute "15.".