## **HOUSE BILL 1415**

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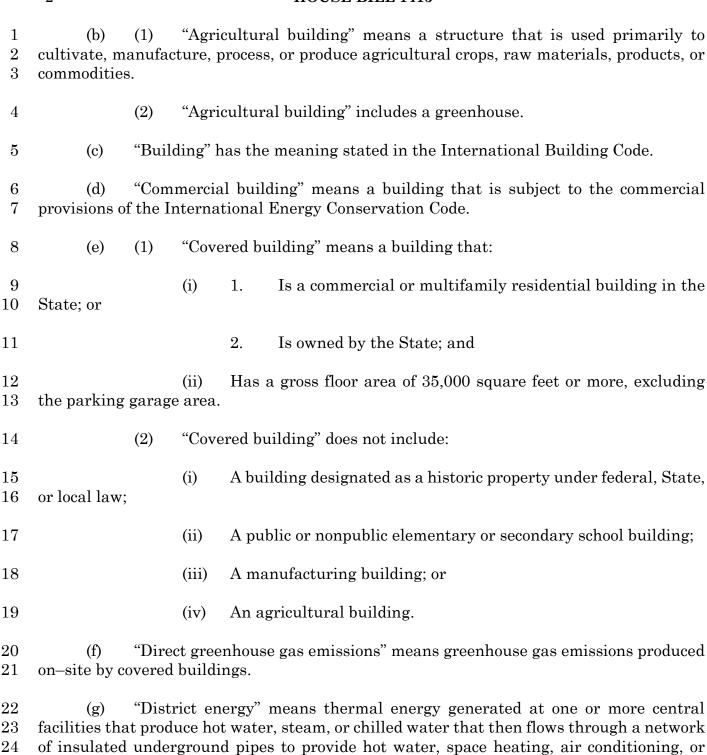
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Environment – Building Energy Performance Standards and Energy Use Intensity Targets – Exemptions
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of exempting a certain covered building from compliance with certain building energy performance standards and energy use intensity targets until a certain occurrence; and generally relating to building energy performance standards and energy use intensity targets.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9	Article – Environment
10 11	Section 2–1601 Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
13 14	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Environment
14 15	Section 2–1602
16	Annotated Code of Maryland
17	(2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
18 19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article – Environment
21	2–1601.
22	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.



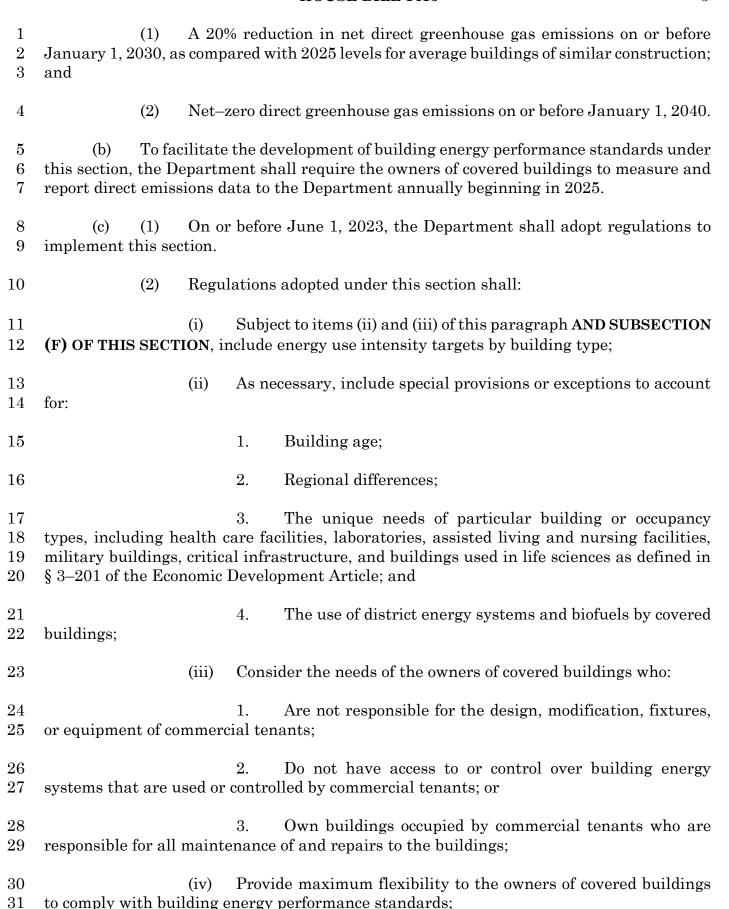


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chilled water to nearby buildings.

27 (a) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE Department shall develop building energy performance standards for covered buildings that achieve:



- 1 (v) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, include an alternative 2 compliance pathway allowing the owner of a covered building to pay a fee for greenhouse 3 gas emissions attributable to the building's failure to meet direct greenhouse gas emissions 4 reduction targets; and
- 5 (vi) To the extent authorized by law, include financial incentives 6 recommended by the Building Energy Transition Implementation Task Force.
- 7 (3) The Department may not set an alternative compliance fee that is less 8 than the social cost of greenhouse gases adopted by the Department or the U.S. 9 Environmental Protection Agency.
- 10 (d) Electric companies and gas companies shall provide energy data, including 11 whole-building and aggregate data, to the owners of covered buildings for benchmarking 12 purposes.
- 13 (e) In calculating the statewide standards developed by the Department under 14 this section, an owner of a covered building may not consider greenhouse gas emissions or 15 energy use by a commercial tenant of the covered building that:
- 16 (1) Is a food service facility as defined in COMAR 10.15.03.02; and
- 17 (2) Engages in commercial cooking and water heating.
- 18 THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE A COVERED BUILDING THAT 19 RECEIVED A USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT BEFORE JUNE 1, 2022, TO COMPLY WITH 20 BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS DEVELOPED UNDER OR ENERGY USE 21 INTENSITY TARGETS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION UNTIL IT 22BECOMES NECESSARY TO REPLACE LIGHTING SYSTEMS, HEATING, VENTILATING, 23AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SYSTEMS, OR OTHER MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE 24COVERED BUILDING DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THOSE COMPONENTS OR AS A RESULT 25OF THE END OF LIFE OF THOSE COMPONENTS.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.