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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – ~~Reporting~~**
3 **~~and Sunset Extension~~ Membership, Duties, and Sunset Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the ~~deadlines for the interim and final reporting requirements~~
5 ~~for~~ membership and duties of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle
6 Infrastructure Council; ~~extending~~ repealing the termination date for the Council;
7 and generally relating to the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
8 Council.

9 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
10 ~~Article – Transportation~~
11 ~~Section 2-113(b)~~
12 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
13 ~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section ~~2-113(h)~~ 2-113
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Chapter 447 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
21 Section 2

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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 2–113.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) “Council” means the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle
7 Infrastructure Council.

8 (3) “Fuel cell electric vehicle” has the meaning stated in § 11–125.1 of this
9 article.

10 (4) “Plug–in electric drive vehicle” has the meaning stated in § 11–145.1 of
11 this article.

12 ~~(5)~~ (4) “Zero emission electric vehicle” includes[:

13 (i) A] A plug–in electric drive vehicle[; and

14 (ii) A fuel cell electric vehicle].

15 (b) There is a Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council.

16 (c) The Council consists of the following members:

17 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
20 the House;

21 (3) The Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee;

22 (4) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary’s designee;

23 (5) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary’s designee;

24 (6) The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;

25 (7) The Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

1 (8) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
2 DESIGNEE;

3 (9) The Executive Director of the Technical Staff of the Maryland Public
4 Service Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

5 [(9)] (10) The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the
6 Director's designee;

7 [(10)] (11) The People's Counsel, or the People's Counsel's designee; and

8 [(11)] (12) The following members appointed by the Governor:

9 (i) [One representative of an institution of higher education in the
10 State with expertise in energy, transportation, or the environment;

11 (ii) Two representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties,
12 including:

13 1. A representative who resides in a rural region of the State;

14 and

15 2. A representative who resides in an urban or suburban
16 region of the State;

17 [(iii)] (II) Two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League,
18 including:

19 1. A representative who resides in a rural region of the State;

20 and

21 2. A representative who resides in an urban or suburban
22 region of the State;

23 [(iv)] (III) One representative of an electric vehicle driver advocacy
24 organization;

25 [(v)] (IV) Two representatives of electric companies in the State;

26 [(vi)] (V) One representative of a light-duty plug-in electric drive
27 vehicle manufacturer;

28 [(vii)] (VI) One representative of a heavy-duty plug-in electric drive
29 vehicle manufacturer;

1 [(viii)] (VII) One representative of a manufacturer of plug-in electric
2 drive vehicle charging stations;

3 [(ix) One representative of manufacturers of fuel cell electric vehicles;

4 (x) One representative of manufacturers of fuel cell electric vehicle
5 infrastructure equipment;

6 [(xi)] (VIII) One representative of fleet vehicle operators;

7 [(xii)] (IX) One representative of electrical workers;

8 [(xiii)] (X) Two representatives of the environmental community;

9 [(xiv)] (XI) One public member with expertise in energy or
10 transportation policy;

11 [(xv)] (XII) One representative of a new vehicle dealer association in
12 the State; AND

13 [(xvi) One representative of the retail electric supplier community; and

14 (xvii)] (XIII) One representative of an automotive dismantler and
15 recycler that dismantles, destroys, or recycles zero emission electric vehicles and that, if
16 applicable, recycles lithium-ion batteries.

17 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair or cochairs of the Council.

18 (e) The Department shall provide staff support to the Council with the assistance
19 of the Maryland Energy Administration and the Maryland Public Service Commission.

20 (f) A member of the Council:

21 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

22 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State
23 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

24 (g) The Council shall:

25 (1) [Develop an action plan to facilitate the successful integration of zero
26 emission electric vehicles into the State's transportation network;

27 (2) Assist in developing and coordinating statewide standards for
28 streamlined permitting and installation of residential and commercial electric vehicle
29 charging and hydrogen refueling stations and supply equipment;

1 (3) Develop a recommendation for a statewide electric vehicle charging and
2 hydrogen refueling infrastructure plan, including placement opportunities for public
3 charging and hydrogen refueling stations;

4 (4) Increase consumer awareness and demand for zero emission electric
5 vehicles through public outreach;

6 (5) Make recommendations regarding monetary and nonmonetary
7 incentives to support zero emission electric vehicle ownership and maximize private sector
8 investment in zero emission electric vehicles;

9 (6) Develop targeted policies to support fleet purchases of zero emission
10 electric vehicles;

11 (7) Develop charging solutions for existing and future multidwelling units;

12 (8) Develop model procurement practices for light-duty vehicles that
13 include an evaluation of the vehicle life cycle costs inclusive of estimated fuel cost over the
14 anticipated life of the vehicle;

15 (9) Encourage local and regional efforts to promote the use of electric
16 vehicles and attract federal funding for State and local zero emission electric vehicle
17 programs;

18 (10) Recommend policies that support zero emission electric vehicle
19 charging and hydrogen refueling from clean energy sources;

20 (11) Recommend a method of displaying pricing information at public
21 charging and hydrogen refueling stations;

22 (12) Establish performance measures for meeting zero emission electric
23 vehicle-related employment, infrastructure, and regulatory goals; and

24 (13) **IDENTIFY BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES TO THE INTEGRATION OF**
25 **ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE INTO THE**
26 **STATE'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK;**

27 (2) **IDENTIFY, DEVELOP, AND RECOMMEND POLICIES AND**
28 **BEST-PRACTICE INITIATIVES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC**
29 **VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE INTO THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION**
30 **NETWORK, INCLUDING IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS AND BUILDINGS;**

31 (3) **CONVENE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND**
32 **OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSIST WITH THE ALIGNMENT AND**
33 **COORDINATION OF POLICIES AND BEST-PRACTICE INITIATIVES FOR THE**

1 INTEGRATION OF ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
 2 INTO THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK;

3 (4) ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR MEETING ZERO
 4 EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE-RELATED USE, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND REGULATORY
 5 GOALS;

6 (5) DEVELOP TARGETED POLICIES TO SUPPORT FLEET PURCHASES
 7 OF ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLES;

8 (6) DEVELOP CHARGING SOLUTIONS FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE
 9 MULTIDWELLING UNITS; AND

10 (7) Pursue other goals and objectives that promote the [utilization] USE of
 11 zero emission electric vehicles in the State.

12 (h) ~~(4)~~ On or before December 1, [2024, and] ~~2027~~ **2026**, AND ON OR BEFORE
 13 December 1[, 2025,] ~~EACH YEAR THROUGH 2031 THEREAFTER~~, the Council shall submit
 14 ~~interim~~ **ANNUAL** reports of its work and recommendations to the Governor and, in
 15 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

16 ~~(2) On or before June 30, [2026] 2031, the Council shall submit a final~~
 17 ~~report of its work and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257~~
 18 ~~of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.~~

19 **Chapter 447 of the Acts of 2024**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 21 1, 2024. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 7 years and, at the end of June 30,~~
 22 ~~[2026] 2031, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be~~
 23 ~~abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
 25 1, 2026.