

HOUSE BILL 663

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By: ~~Delegate Rosenberg~~ **Delegates Rosenberg, Behler, Boyce, Foley, Guyton,
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment – Federal Environmental Policy ~~on Greenhouse~~
3 ~~Gas Emissions~~ – Reporting**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on or before a certain date and with a certain
5 frequency thereafter, the Department of the Environment to report to the General
6 Assembly on certain changes in federal environmental policy ~~on greenhouse gas~~
7 ~~emissions~~; and generally relating to ~~greenhouse gas emissions~~ federal environmental
8 policy.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Environment

11 Section 2–1213

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Environment**

17 **2–1213.**

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 (A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, AND EVERY 6 MONTHS THEREAFTER, THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
3 § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

4 (1) ANY CHANGES IN FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ~~ON~~
5 ~~GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS~~ THAT HAVE BEEN DEEMED LEGALLY VALID BY A FINAL
6 DECISION OF A FEDERAL COURT, INCLUDING ANY CHANGE THAT:

7 (I) RESCINDS A FINDING THAT THE GREENHOUSE GAS
8 EMISSIONS FROM NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND ENGINES CAUSE AIR POLLUTION THAT
9 MAY ENDANGER PUBLIC HEALTH OR WELFARE;

10 (II) REPEALS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR
11 MOTOR VEHICLES AND ENGINES; ~~OR~~

12 (III) REPEALS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR
13 STATIONARY SOURCES; ~~AND~~ OR

14 (IV) IMPACTS THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION OF ANY
15 FEDERALLY DELEGATED AUTHORITY; AND

16 (2) IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
17 ~~POLICY ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS~~ THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED
18 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STEPS THE STATE IS TAKING IN
19 RESPONSE TO THE CHANGE.

20 (B) (1) THE INITIAL REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF
21 THIS SECTION SHALL DESCRIBE ANY CHANGES IN FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
22 ~~POLICY ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS~~ THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE JANUARY 1,
23 2024.

24 (2) EACH REPORT SUBMITTED AFTER THE INITIAL REPORT SHALL
25 DESCRIBE ANY CHANGES IN FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ~~ON GREENHOUSE~~
26 ~~GAS EMISSIONS~~ THAT HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 6
27 MONTH PERIOD.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
29 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May 31, 2029,
30 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
31 of no further force and effect.