

HOUSE BILL 817

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CF SB 625

By: **Delegates Foley, Behler, Fraser-Hidalgo, Lehman, Qi, ~~and Wilson~~ Wilson, Healey, Odom, and Stein**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carbon Removal Technology and Practices Dioxide Capture, Removal, and**
3 **Sequestration Projects – Regulations and ~~Use of Funding~~ Standards for Biochar**
4 **and Wood Vault Technologies**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to develop, in
6 consultation with the Department of Agriculture, and adopt regulations and
7 standards governing the permitting of ~~certain~~ carbon ~~removal technology and~~
8 ~~practices~~ dioxide capture, removal, and sequestration projects that utilize biochar or
9 wood vault technologies; ~~requiring each State agency to use available funding~~
10 ~~sources to fund carbon removal projects that utilize certain carbon removal~~
11 ~~technology and practices~~, and generally relating to carbon ~~removal technology and~~
12 ~~practices~~ dioxide capture, removal, and sequestration projects that utilize biochar or
13 wood vault technologies.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Environment

16 Section ~~2-1213~~ 9-303.6

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 **Preamble**

20 ~~WHEREAS, The current practice of applying solid waste regulations to the process~~
21 ~~of carbon removal is unsuitable; now, therefore,~~

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 – Environment

4 ~~2-1213.9-303.6.~~

5 (A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT
6 REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS GOVERNING THE PERMITTING OF CARBON
7 ~~REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY AN~~
8 ~~INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION BODY~~ DIOXIDE
9 CAPTURE, REMOVAL, OR SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS THAT UTILIZE BIOCHAR OR
10 WOOD VAULT TECHNOLOGIES.

11 (B) IN DEVELOPING THE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

14 ~~(B) EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL USE AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO~~
15 ~~FUND CARBON REMOVAL PROJECTS THAT UTILIZE CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY~~
16 ~~AND PRACTICES THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED~~
17 ~~THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION BODY.~~

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.