

HOUSE BILL 817

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By: **Delegates Foley, Behler, Fraser-Hidalgo, Lehman, Qi, and Wilson**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carbon Removal Technology and Practices – Regulations and Use of Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations
4 governing the permitting of certain carbon removal technology and practices;
5 requiring each State agency to use available funding sources to fund carbon removal
6 projects that utilize certain carbon removal technology and practices; and generally
7 relating to carbon removal technology and practices.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Environment
10 Section 2-1213
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 Preamble

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

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

18 **Article – Environment**

19 **2-1213.**

20 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT**
21 **REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PERMITTING OF CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY**
22 **AND PRACTICES THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED**
23 **THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION BODY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL USE AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO**
2 **FUND CARBON REMOVAL PROJECTS THAT UTILIZE CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY**
3 **AND PRACTICES THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED**
4 **THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION BODY.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2026.