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By: **Delegates Hornberger and Sample–Hughes**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax – Electricity for Agriculture Purposes – Study and Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with certain entities, to
4 study and report to the General Assembly, on or before a certain date, on exempting
5 from the sales and use tax electricity used for agricultural purposes under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to the sales and use tax.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

8 That:

9 (a) On or before December 15, 2026, the Office of the Comptroller, in consultation
10 with the Public Service Commission and PJM Interconnection, LLC, shall study and report
11 to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on
12 exempting electricity from the sales and use tax if that electricity is purchased by a farmer
13 to:

14 (1) raise livestock or poultry;

15 (2) prepare, irrigate, or tend the soil; or

16 (3) plant, service, harvest, store, clean, dry, or transport seeds or crops.

17 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include an
18 estimate of the fiscal impact of an exemption described under subsection (a) of this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (c) On request of the Office of the Comptroller, an electric company, as defined
 2 under § 1–101 of the Public Utilities Article, shall provide aggregate usage and billing
 3 information that the Office of the Comptroller determines to be necessary to prepare the
 4 report required under subsection (a) of this section.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.