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### **Support SB 299: Department of General Services – Energy–Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2020)**

SB299 Requires the Department of General Services to the extent possible and within budget constraints:

- establish and periodically update standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds
- ensure that each State building constructed, acquired, or substantially altered by the State meet the standards to the extent practicable and within the budget
- reduce the lighting used for existing State buildings
- adopt the regulations and specify contracts or projects that are not subject to them

SB299 will help Maryland save money:

- Use of bird safe glass reduces energy loss
- Reducing use of glass also reduces heating and cooling costs

Other Legislative Actions:

- MN has included mandatory bird safe building design standards since 2013
- Ontario, San Francisco, Highland Park in IL, Cook County IL, and others have local laws in place
- Washington, DC; Portland, OR; and the US Congress are also considering similar laws
- The crossfile (HB 192) has passed second reader in the house