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BILL: **House Bill 6**
Department of General Services – Energy-Conserving Standards
(Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2022)

COMMITTEE: Senate Education, Energy & Environment

DATE: February 8, 2023

POSITION: Letter of Information

Upon review of House Bill 6 – Department of General Services – Energy-Conserving Standards, the Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments for informational purposes.

The bill would require DGS to establish guidelines and adopt regulations to minimize adverse impacts to birds on State buildings constructed, substantially altered, or acquired by DGS, to the extent practicable.

House Bill 6 requires lighting to be reduced in existing buildings to the extent practicable. A few State buildings would have to implement this, by using automatic control technologies. The requirement to reduce lighting on existing buildings may cause a significant cost, however this is left to DGS to determine the appropriateness and could be included when lighting projects are considered at existing facilities.

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