



# The Brighter Tomorrow Act

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## Targeted reforms to improve Marylanders' ability to adopt and benefit from solar, unlocking a more equitable clean energy future

- \* **This bill would enact much needed Solar Renewable Energy Portfolio adjustments.**
  - ◇ Maryland is far behind meeting its nation-leading solar targets. This reform would increase consumer solar value and make it easier for the state to catch up.
  - ◇ Inflation, supply chain disruptions, and legacy international trade fights have made it harder for Maryland consumers to adopt solar for themselves.
  - ◇ Specific types of **NEW** solar projects, such as residential, commercial rooftops and parking canopies, and brownfields will be able to earn additional Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs)
  - ◇ Maryland will see more in-state solar installed as a result of this bill to benefit communities.
  - ◇ Even when individual systems produce additional SRECs, there is no additional ratepayer impact.
- \* **Aggregate Net Metering systems' maximum size would be increased to 5 MW and participating local governments, non-profits, and agriculture consumers would be allowed greater ability to contract for this local solar. This will help them lower costs and contribute to state decarbonization goals.**
- \* **The Brighter Tomorrow Act extends and creates common sense tax treatment for solar projects.**
  - \* Commercial rooftop and parking canopy solar projects would not subject to property tax valuation, making it easier for solar to be constructed on the built environment.
  - \* The Low-to-Moderate Community Solar personal property tax exemption would be extended to 2030.
  - \* The bill would establish a Payment In Lieu of Taxes for ground-mount solar projects. This would create consistency for solar developers and create an additional revenue for counties.
- \* **Renewable energy projects greater than 1 MW in size would need to meet certain prevailing wage requirements, just as was established for the community solar permanent program in 2023.**

The Brighter Tomorrow Act takes the work of the recent Solar Task Force and some of the most needed recommendations, in order to boost Maryland's ability to deploy clean energy for its residents.

Have  
questions?

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