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Favorable with Amendments - HB 505 - The ENERGIZE Act

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

Maryland LCV would like to thank the Moore-Miller Administration for their leadership on climate and clean energy solutions and for bringing HB 505, the ENERGIZE Act, forward this year. The ENERGIZE Act follows a stepwise approach from the Moore-Miller Administration to implementing the Climate Solutions Now Act: releasing the Climate Pollution Reduction Plan, signing the Executive Order “Leadership by State Government: Implementing Maryland’s Climate Pollution Reduction Plan,” working with agencies on Climate Implementation Plans, and defending important regulations like the Building Energy Performance Standards.

The ENERGIZE Act sets a 100% clean electricity goal for the state, reorganizes the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard as a Clean Energy Portfolio Standard to include nuclear energy in reaching state targets, creates a procurement process for new nuclear power, freezes solar Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs), and changes two aspects of offshore wind in Maryland: removes the legislatively-set ratepayer cap and removes the requirement that projects interconnect in the Delmarva Peninsula. We support the Administration’s amendment to add a reporting requirement on the state’s progress towards achieving 100% clean electricity, including adding a date by which 100% clean electricity can reasonably be achieved.

Maryland LCV’s position on HB 505 is Favorable with Amendments. Maryland LCV’s amendments are meant to:

1. Clarify some definitions within the nuclear portion of the bill, and
2. Add a storage component to the bill as a critical part of clean energy infrastructure.

Maryland LCV urges a favorable report on this important bill, with the consideration of the amendments offered below.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS to SB 434 - The ENERGIZE Act

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

On page 3, after line 24 insert:

7–216.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Energy storage device” means a resource capable of absorbing electrical energy, storing it for a period of time, and delivering the energy for use at a later time as needed, regardless of where the resource is located on the electric [distribution] system.

(ii) “Energy storage device” includes all types of electric storage technologies, regardless of their size, storage medium, or operational purpose, including:

1. thermal storage;
2. electrochemical storage;
3. [virtual power plants] **THERMO–MECHANICAL STORAGE**; and
4. hydrogen–based storage.

(3) “Investor–owned electric company” means an electric company that is 24 not a municipal electric utility or an electric cooperative.

7–216.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7–216 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE STATE HAS A GOAL OF REACHING 150 MEGAWATTS OF DISTRIBUTION–CONNECTED ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES.

(2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY OF ITS PROPORTION OF THE GOAL ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, BASED ON THE ELECTRIC COMPANY’S SERVICE LOAD.

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE PROPORTION OF DISTRIBUTION–CONNECTED ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES NECESSARY TO REACH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY’S APPORTIONMENT OF THE GOAL STATED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2026, FOR PLANS SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2027, FOR PLANS SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) EVALUATE EACH PLAN;

(II) ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON EACH PLAN; AND

(III) ISSUE AN ORDER FOR EACH PLAN THAT EITHER:

1. APPROVES THE PLAN; OR

2. APPROVES THE PLAN WITH MODIFICATIONS THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

(3) THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES CONSTRUCTED OR PROCURED UNDER EACH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A COMBINATION OF DEVICES OWNED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND DEVICES OWNED BY A THIRD PARTY, WITH NOT MORE THAN 30% OF THE DEVICES BEING OWNED BY A THIRD PARTY.

(4) (I) THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED OR PROCURED UNDER A PLAN SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2025, SHALL BE OPERATIONAL BY AUGUST 1, 2027.

(II) THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED OR PROCURED UNDER A PLAN SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026, SHALL BE OPERATIONAL BY AUGUST 1, 2028.

(III) THE COMMISSION MAY EXTEND A DEADLINE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH FOR GOOD CAUSE.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE EACH PLAN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OR PROCUREMENT OF EACH ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE:

(1) IS BENEFICIAL IN TERMS OF COST, INCLUDING A DEMONSTRATION OF ANY:

(I) AVOIDED OR DELAYED TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION, AND

GENERATION COSTS; AND

(II) AVOIDED EMISSIONS; AND

(2) CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE PLAN IS APPROVED.

(E) (1) A DEVELOPER OF A THIRD-PARTY-OWNED ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL ENSURE THAT WORKERS ARE PAID NOT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) AN ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE CONSTRUCTED AND OWNED BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED BY:

(I) EMPLOYEES OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY; OR

(II) CONTRACTORS THAT SHALL ENSURE THAT WORKERS CONSTRUCTING THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE ARE PAID NOT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(3) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE ITS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FOR ANY ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE OWNED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

(4) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY CONTRACT ANY WORK UNDER THIS SECTION NOT CONDUCTED BY THE COMPANY'S EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT TO A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR.

(II) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR ON A PROJECT UNDER THIS SECTION TO:

1. PAY THE AREA PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, INCLUDING WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND

2. OFFER HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO 4 THE EMPLOYEES WORKING ON THE PROJECT.

AMENDMENT 2

On page 37, lines 24-26

(III) AN ANALYSIS OF THE ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, HEALTH BENEFITS, [AND] ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, AND ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE;

AMENDMENT 3

On page 38, lines 5-7

(VII) OTHER ADVERSE IMPACTS AND BENEFITS RESULTING FROM THE PROJECT, SUCH AS INCREASED IN-STATE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS, AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES;

AMENDMENT 4

On page 38, after line 22:

(9) A NUCLEAR ENERGY GENERATING STATION, INCLUDING A SMALL MODULAR REACTOR, SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PROPOSED QUALIFYING GENERATING STATION AND SHALL PROVIDE DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH COMAR 20.79.02.02 AND COMAR 20.79.03.

The intent of amendment 4 is to make sure environmental justice and community engagement factors that are required for fossil fuel generating facilities are also included for nuclear. If it is determined that these provisions are covered through other mechanisms, that will be sufficient.

AMENDMENT 5

On page 41, after line 7 insert:

PART II. TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES.

7-1212.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE STATE HAS A GOAL OF REACHING 1,600 MEGAWATTS OF FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL, BY REGULATION OR ORDER, ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES.

(C) (1) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES.

(II) THE PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION SHALL BE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 800 MEGAWATTS OF CUMULATIVE ENERGY STORAGE CAPACITY, AS MEASURED IN EFFECTIVE NAMEPLATE CAPACITY.

(2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPROVE ONE OR MORE PROPOSALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1214(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES PROCURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER A PROJECT IS SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(II) THE COMMISSION MAY EXTEND THE OPERATING DEADLINE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A SECOND PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES.

(2) THE PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION SHALL BE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 800 MEGAWATTS OF CUMULATIVE ENERGY STORAGE CAPACITY, AS MEASURED IN EFFECTIVE NAMEPLATE CAPACITY.

(3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2027, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPROVE ONE OR MORE PROPOSALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1214(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(4) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES PROCURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER A PROJECT IS SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(II) THE COMMISSION MAY EXTEND THE OPERATING DEADLINE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

7-1213

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE SPECIFICATIONS IN A PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION ISSUED UNDER § 7-1206 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT REQUIRE EACH PROPOSAL TO:

(1) INCLUDE A PROPOSED PRICING SCHEDULE FOR THE TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE PROJECT;

(2) INCLUDE A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT AND THE PROPOSED PRICING SCHEDULE, INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF:

(I) THE LOCATIONAL VALUE, DURATION, AND TIME TO DEPLOYMENT OF THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES;

(II) AVOIDED OR DELAYED TRANSMISSION, GENERATION, AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS;

(III) AVOIDED EMISSIONS IN THE SHORT TERM AND PROJECTED AVOIDED EMISSIONS IN THE LONG TERM, MEASURED USING THE SOCIAL COST OF CARBON, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF JANUARY 1, 2025;

(IV) THE VALUE OF THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES;
AND

(V) ANY OTHER AVOIDED COSTS;

(3) ENSURE THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE PROJECT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY FOR SALE ON THE WHOLESALE MARKET AND BID INTO THE PJM CAPACITY MARKET UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH PJM INTERCONNECTION;

(4) ENSURE THAT THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES CAN DELIVER THEIR EFFECTIVE NAMEPLATE CAPACITY;

(5) INCORPORATE A COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT;

(6) ATTEST IN WRITING THAT ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS WORKING ON THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE WAGE AND HOUR LAWS FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 10 YEARS OR THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACTOR'S OR SUBCONTRACTOR'S BUSINESS OPERATION, WHICHEVER IS LONGER; AND

(7) ENSURE A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS BY REDACTING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION.

(B) FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES PAIRED WITH TIER 1 OR TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES, AS DEFINED UNDER § 7-701 OF THIS TITLE, MAY BE INCLUDED IN A PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO A PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION UNDER § 7-1212 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7-1214

(A) IN SELECTING A PROPOSAL FOR A FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE PROJECT, THE COMMISSION:

(1) SHALL SPECIFY THE PRICING SCHEDULE, WHICH SHALL BE A MONTHLY FIXED PRICE REPRESENTING THE VALUE OF THE FRONT-OF-THE-METER TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE BEYOND THE PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM PJM WHOLESALE MARKETS;

(2) SHALL SPECIFY THAT FOR CONTINUED RECEIPT OF PAYMENT UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMMISSION, THAT THE APPLICANT'S ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE IS AVAILABLE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE PJM ENERGY AND CAPACITY MARKET AT NOT LESS THAN THE CLASS AVERAGE AVAILABILITY RATE ESTABLISHED BY PJM INTERCONNECTION FOR COMPARABLE DEVICES;

(3) SHALL INCORPORATE PENALTIES FOR NONPERFORMANCE IN THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENT, FOR ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES THAT FAIL TO MEET AVAILABILITY METRICS;

(4) MAY TERMINATE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES FROM THE PROGRAM IF DEVICE PERFORMANCE DOES NOT IMPROVE AFTER APPROPRIATE NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE; AND

(5) MAY CONSIDER OTHER NONPRICE FACTORS SUCH AS:

(I) PROJECT MATURITY DATES;

(II) SITE CONTROL; AND

(III) ANY OTHER RELEVANT NONPRICE FACTORS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) AFTER GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE, HOLD ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS; AND

(2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ISSUE ONE OR MORE ORDERS TO SELECT A PROPOSAL OR PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT.

(C) IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT NONE OF THE PROPOSALS ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THE COMMISSION MAY END THE SOLICITATION PROCESS WITHOUT SELECTING A PROPOSAL.

7-1215

(A) FOR ANY PROPOSAL SELECTED UNDER THIS PART, THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT CONDITIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL.

(B) AN ORDER SELECTING A PROPOSAL UNDER § 7-1214 OF THIS SUBTITLE BESTOWS THE SAME RIGHTS TO THE SELECTED PROPOSAL THAT A GENERATING SYSTEM WOULD OTHERWISE BE GRANTED THROUGH A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY UNDER § 7-207 OF THIS TITLE IF THE SELECTED PROPOSAL IS REVIEWED UNDER AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

7-1216

ANY TRANSMISSION ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE BUILT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE SHALL COUNT TOWARD THE ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE DEPLOYMENT GOALS UNDER § 7-216.2 OF THIS TITLE.

7-1217

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS PART.

AMENDMENT 6

On page 41, after line 7

SUBTITLE 12. ENERGY PROCUREMENT.

PART I. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

7-1218.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "EFFECTIVE NAMEPLATE CAPACITY" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY AN ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE CAN DELIVER CONTINUOUSLY TO THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OVER A 4-HOUR PERIOD.

(C) "ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-216 OF 30 THIS TITLE.

(D) "REC-II" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-701 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) "REC-II PAYMENT" MEANS THE MONETARY VALUE OF A REC-II GENERATED AND SOLD BY AN ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM AWARDED A CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

7-1219.

(A) AN APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED PROJECT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO A COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT.

(B) A COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT SHALL:

(1) PROMOTE INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SMALL, MINORITY, WOMEN-OWNED, AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY;

(2) ENSURE THE TIMELY, SAFE, AND EFFICIENT COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT BY:

(I) FACILITATING A STEADY SUPPLY OF HIGHLY SKILLED CRAFT WORKERS WHO SHALL BE PAID NOT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

(II) GUARANTEEING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN AGREEMENT THAT:

1. ESTABLISHES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE PROJECT OR A PORTION OF THE PROJECT;

2. GUARANTEES AGAINST STRIKES, LOCKOUTS, AND SIMILAR DISRUPTIONS;

3. ENSURES THAT ALL WORK ON THE PROJECT FULLY CONFORMS TO ALL RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS, INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES;

4. CREATES MUTUALLY BINDING PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING LABOR DISPUTES ARISING DURING THE TERM OF THE PROJECT;

5. SETS FORTH OTHER MECHANISMS FOR LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN, INCLUDING PRODUCTIVITY, QUALITY OF WORK, SAFETY, AND HEALTH; AND 6. BINDS ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS IN ALL RELEVANT SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS;

(3) PROMOTE SAFE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT BY ENSURING THAT AT LEAST 80% OF THE CRAFT WORKERS ON THE PROJECT HAVE COMPLETED AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION 10-HOUR COURSE;

(4) PROMOTE CAREER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MANUFACTURING, MAINTENANCE, AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, VETERANS, WOMEN, MINORITIES, AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS;

(5) INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR LOCAL HIRING AND THE HIRING OF HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS;

(6) USE LOCALLY, SUSTAINABLY, AND DOMESTICALLY MANUFACTURED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;

(7) REQUIRE THE USE OF SKILLED LOCAL LABOR, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS OF THE PROJECT, USING METHODS INCLUDING OUTREACH, HIRING, OR REFERRAL METHODS THAT ARE AFFILIATED WITH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE; AND

(8) AUTHORIZE THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER, REVIEW, AND ENFORCE A STORAGE DEVELOPER OR ENERGY DEVELOPER'S COMPLIANCE WITH ANY COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT.

7-1220.

THE COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS TO IMPLEMENT AND EXECUTE ANY PART OF THIS SUBTITLE.