



Letter of Information

Senate Bill 649 – Electric Vehicle Fuel Sold at Retail – Equipment Requirements, Units of Measure, Sales Price, and Fees
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
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The Comptroller of Maryland is respectfully submitting this letter of information regarding Senate Bill 649 – Electric Vehicle Fuel Sold at Retail – Equipment Requirements, Units of Measure, Sales Price, and Fees. SB649 establishes standards for electric vehicle charging stations.

Under SB649, the Comptroller would be responsible for determining the minimum price for the retail sale of electricity as vehicle fuel each year. While this responsibility may at first seem similar to how the Comptroller's Field Enforcement Bureau (FEB) enforces sale of motor fuel below cost, the Bureau does not independently determine minimum prices and instead relies on the Oil Pricing Information Service (OPIS) pricing report, which updates daily. If FEB receives a complaint that a retail service station is selling motor fuel below cost, the inspector uses the latest OPIS report and the bill of lading to determine if the complaint has merit.

As the Office of the Comptroller does not have the expertise to appropriately determine the statewide minimum price for the retail sale of electricity as vehicle fuel, we would respectfully request that the proposed § 11-316(c) be struck from SB649.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please reach out to Matthew Dudzic, Director of State Affairs, at MDudzic@marylandtaxes.gov.

