



# Montgomery County

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**HB 451**

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### **Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Membership, Duties, and Sunset Repeal**

This bill would extend the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC), adjust its membership, and require annual reports to the General Assembly.

For many years, ZEEVIC has played an important role in bringing key stakeholders together to coordinate, develop, and advise on policies and investments to promote zero emission vehicle use and associated infrastructure development in Maryland. Despite significant progress to date, strategic issues continue to arise where ZEEVIC is well-positioned to play these lead roles in support of Maryland's ongoing transition to zero emission vehicles.

In alignment with State climate goals and strategies, Montgomery County encourages the adoption of zero emission vehicles as a core strategy to help achieve the County's climate goals. County staff regularly participate in ZEEVIC meetings and value the opportunity to learn from, coordinate, and collaborate with other stakeholders on these issues.

We respectfully request that the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee issue a favorable report on House Bill 451.