

HB 969 - Electric Vehicle Fuel Sold at Retail - Equipment Requirements, Units of Measure, and Fees

Position: UNFAVORABLE

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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 969 attempts to strengthen consumer protections for electric vehicle charging. However, many of its requirements are already addressed under current Maryland law through the adoption of NIST Handbook 44 in Agriculture Article § 11-207.1. Adding these specific technical details into statute would reduce flexibility if national standards are updated in the future.

Other provisions in the bill regarding contact information and receipts are already covered under existing standards.

I respectfully request an unfavorable report on House Bill 969. Maintaining the current flexible framework based on national standards provides better long-term consumer protection than this redundant approach that fails to solve the main issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Borkowski