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BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1225
BILL TITLE: Weights and Measures -Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment -
Registration Fees
MDA POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) respectfully submits this letter in support of *House Bill 1225 - Weights and Measures - Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment - Registration Fees*, with amendments.

MDA's Weights and Measures program is responsible for upholding regulations and enforcement that ensure consumer protection at the pump, scale, and EVSE charger. As a member of the National Council on Weights and Measures, MDA is a leader in state program development that ensures accuracy and accountability for Marylanders through advanced testing and appropriate regulation. Throughout 2025, MDA published regulations for the EVSE testing program in Weights and Measures and received critical input from the industry to navigate the development of an effective and efficient regulatory program. Upon the careful consideration of the feedback, the Department worked closely with the Maryland Energy Administration to develop Memorandums of Understanding that would help offset the cost of operating the program, purchase equipment, and reduce the registration fees for purveyors of EVSE charging stations.

Through extensive work with the sponsor, the proposed amendments introduce the opportunity for the Secretary to administer an administrative penalty against EVSE owners/operators whose equipment fails to meet national NIST standards for operations. This provision is designed to ensure that consumers have access to a reliable and functional EVSE charging network across the state.

For these reasons, MDA supports HB 1225 and respectfully requests the consideration of the amendments as provided. MDA appreciates the consideration of the above information in the Committee's deliberations.

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