



Maryland Energy Administration

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee
FROM: MEA
SUBJECT: HB 949 - Electric Vehicle Fuel Sold at Retail - Equipment Requirements, Units of Measure, Sales Price, and Fees
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MEA Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments for House Bill 969.

HB 969 establishes important consumer protections and transparency requirements for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel. As Maryland continues to accelerate electric vehicle (EV) adoption, clear standards for measurement, pricing, and disclosure are critical to ensuring fairness and consumer confidence in the marketplace.

MEA supports the bill's provisions requiring electricity sold as vehicle fuel to be measured and sold in kilowatt-hours, as well as the requirement that responsible parties be clearly identified at charging locations. These provisions align EV charging practices with established weights and measures standards and promote consistency for consumers across the State.

MEA supports the Department of Agriculture's amendments regarding the provision requiring the Comptroller to determine the minimum price for the retail sale of electricity as vehicle fuel. While ensuring fair pricing practices is an important objective, the Comptroller's Office may not be the appropriate entity to establish or administer a minimum price structure for retail electricity sales. Instead, MEA supports the recommendations that the bill be amended to:

- Clarify that electricity sold at retail as vehicle fuel may not be offered below the supplier's cost;
- Explicitly prohibit setting a minimum price at \$0.00 per kilowatt-hour when additional service fees are imposed.

This amendment would provide parity with existing Maryland policy prohibiting the sale of gasoline below cost, while preserving appropriate administrative roles and avoiding the need to establish a new price-setting function within the Comptroller's Office.

Maryland is making significant investments in EV infrastructure and electrification to reduce transportation emissions and improve air quality. Establishing clear, fair, and administratively workable pricing standards will support continued market growth while maintaining consumer protections.

MEA urges the committee to adopt the proposed amendments and to issue a **favorable report as amended**.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Megan Outten, Policy manager, at megan.outten@maryland.gov or 443.842.1780.