

Maryland (updated)

Topic	H. Bill	S. Bill	Title	Description	House Sponsor(s)	Senate Sponsor(s)	CEEP Position	Status / Hearings	Link
AFV	HB 0036		Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces	Prohibits a person from stopping, standing, or parking a non plug-in electric vehicle in a designated EV space. Requires EV parking to have green pavement markings, requires EV parking spaces to be counted in overall number of parking spaces	Del. Lam			Hearing (1/26/17)	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=01&id=hb0036&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Electric Vehicles	HB 0110		Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment - Rebates and Tax Credits - Extension	Extend the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and authorization to issue motor vehicle excise tax credits for qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles to fiscal year 2020; increasing amount required to be transferred from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund; increasing, from \$1,800,000 to \$3,600,000 the total amount of motor vehicle excise tax credits that may be issued during a fiscal year.	David Fraser Hidalgo			Hearing in Ways and Means (2/07/17)	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=hb0110&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Energy Efficiency	SB 184		Energy Efficiency Programs - Calculation of Program Savings and Consideration of Cost-Effectiveness	Require the PSC to require each electric company to procure or provide specified energy efficiency and conservation programs and services to its electricity customers on a specified savings trajectory beginning with 2018-20 program cycle; establish baseline for the savings trajectory		Thomas McClean Middleton		Hearing 1/31/17	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&tab=subject3&id=sb0184&stab=01&ys=2017RS
Land Conservation	SB0029		Forest Conservation Act - Forest Conservation Thresholds and Reforestation Requirements	Clarifying that units of local government with planning and zoning authority may adopt specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements that are more stringent than specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements in State law.		Paul Pinsky		Hearing (1/24/17)	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&tab=subject3&id=sb0029&stab=01&ys=2017RS
Renewable Energy	SB0174		Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act	Altering the definition of "qualified energy resources" to mean wind, solar energy, or marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy that may be used to produce energy that qualifies for the clean energy production income tax credit. (removes anything with a flame)		Roger Manno Richard Madaleno		First reading Budget & Taxation (1/18/2017)	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&tab=subject3&id=sb0174&stab=01&ys=2017RS
Utility Regulation	HB 157		Public Service Commission - Membership	Alters the manner of appointment of commissioners to the PSC by requiring that each commissioner reside in and represent one of five specified areas of the State	Tony Knotts			Hearing (2/2/17)	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?id=hb0157&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Vehicle Emission	HB 0011		Causing Diesel Emissions to Discharge onto Another - Prohibition	Prohibit a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit clearly visible smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle. (Anti-Rolling Coal)	Del. Lam			In House - first reading Environment & Transportation (1/11/17)	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?id=hb0011&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Waste/Recycling	HB 0171	SB 0099	Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure - Study	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with specified persons, to study, review, explore, identify, and make recommendations regarding specified matters that relate to the diversion of yard waste from refuse disposal facilities, including specified infrastructure	Shane Robinson	Thomas McClean Middleton		In Senate, hearing 1/24/2017	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&tab=subject3&id=hb0171&stab=01&ys=2017RS
Waste/Recycling	SB 0186		Polystyrene Food Service Products and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging - Prohibition on Sale	Prohibit the selling or providing specified expanded polystyrene food service products or expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging on or after January 1, 2018		Cheryl Kagan		Hearing on 1/31/17	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=01&id=sb0186&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Waste/Recycling	HB 0124		Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities	Require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations relating to recycling facilities, including conditions for specified permit exemptions	Chair, Environmental and Transportation Committee			Hearing 2/8/17	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/firmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=01&id=hb0124&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS

Virginia (updated)									
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Air Quality	HB 1600		Certain sanitary landfills; gas collection & control system	Requires any active sanitary landfill that receives >100,000 tons of solid waste/year to install a landfill gas collection and control system by July 1, 2019	C. Matthew Fariss			Assigned ACRN sub: Natural Resources (1/12/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1600
CO2 Emissions		SB 1095	Electric utility regulation; suspension of reviews of earnings, Transitional Rate Period	Provides that the Transitional Rate period will conclude on the date the Clean Power Plan rules are withdrawn, repealed, or found to be invalid or unenforceable.		J. Chapman Peterson		Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (12-Y 2-N) (1/16/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB1095
CO2 Emissions	HB 1974		Clean Power Plan; state implementation plan; General Assembly approval	Requires DEQ to receive approval from General Assembly for a SIP to regulate CO2 emissions from existing power plants prior to submitting plan to EPA for approval	Israel D. O'Quinn			Referred from Commerce & Labor (14-Y 6-N) (1/24/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1974
CO2 Emissions	HB 2018	SB 1471	Virginia Alternative Energy & Coastal Protection Act, established, report	Requires the Governor to seek to join RGGI or other carbon trading program with an open auction of carbon allowances. Directs DEQ to establish a CO2 Cap-and-Trade program to reduce emissions released by electric generation stations. Revenue from sales of allowances are to be deposited in the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund.	Ronald A. Villanueva	Mamie E. Locke		House: Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17) Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and natural Resources	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2018 http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB1471
Community Solar	HB 2112		Electric utilities; community renewable projects	Requires the SCC to adopt rules under which community renewable projects are authorized to operate. A community renewable solar/wind project with no more than 20 MW. Facility may be owned by IOU or distribution cooperative, or a for-profit or nonprofit entity. Neither the owner of, nor the subscribers to a project be deemed to be a public utility.	Mark L. Keam			Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2112
Community Solar		SB 1393	Electric Utilities; community solar pilot programs	Requires Dominion and Appalachian Power to conduct community solar pilot program for retail customers. Utility will sell electric power to subscribing customers under voluntary companion rate schedule. Utility will generate or purchase power from eligible generation facilities. Generating capacity for Dominion shall be no less than 25 MW and no more than 40 MW		Frank W. Wagner		Assigned C&L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/18/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bi&val=sb1393
Energy Efficiency	HB 1465	SB 990	Electric energy consumption reduction goal; progress reports	Directs DMME to report annually on progress Virginia makes toward meeting 2007 goal of reducing consumption of electric energy by retail customers by 2022 by 10% or 2006 consumption	Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.	Rosalyn R. Dance		Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17) Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (1/3/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1465 http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB990
Energy Efficiency	HB 1636		Energy efficiency program; total resource cost test	Defines the "total resource cost test" as a test to determine if the benefit-cost ratio of a proposed energy efficiency program or measure. Provides that an energy efficiency program or measure that fails the total resource cost test shall be reviewed by the SCC under other tests for approval.	Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.			Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1636
Energy Efficiency	HB 1703		Electric and natural gas utilities; energy efficiency goals	Requires electric IOU's, Co-op electric utilities, and IOU natural gas to meet incremental annual energy efficiency goals. Electric utilities required to implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures to achieve 2% savings by 2032 and thereafter, with interim goals that start at 0.25% for 2018-19, and increase biennial increments of 0.25% until 2032. Gas utilities required to achieve goal of 1% savings by 2032 and thereafter, with interim goals that start at 0.125% for 2018-2019 and increase biennial increments of 0.125% until 2032	Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.			Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1703
Net Metering		SB 917	Electric utility regulation; agricultural net energy metering	Allows eligible agricultural customer-generator to participate in an electric utility net energy metering program if it is to be served by multiple meters located on one parcel or on multiple adjacent parcels. Raises current limit from 500 kw to 1 MW, and adds falling water as a type of generating facility eligible for net metering		John S. Edwards		Assigned C&L sub: Renewable Energy (1/18/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB917
Net Metering	HB 2303	SB 1394	Small agricultural generators; establishes parameters of a program	Establishes parameters of a program under which small agricultural generators may sell the electricity generated from a small ag. Generating facility to its utility. Will end enrollment in net energy metering program July 1, 2018, and allow eligible customer generators to remain in program for not more than 20 years. Capacity limits not more than 1.5 MW, capacity does not exceed 150% of customer's expected annual energy consumption.	J. Randall Minchew	Frank W. Wagner		Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17) Assigned C&L sub: Renewable Energy (1/18/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2303 http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bi&val=sb1394
Nuclear Energy	HB 2291		Electric utilities; costs of modifications to nuclear generation facilities	Authorizes an electric IOU to petition the SCC for approval of a rate adjustment clause for recovery of the costs of a system or equipment upgrade, system or equipment replacement, or other cost reasonably appropriate to extend the combined operating license for nuclear generation facilities	Terry G. Kilgore			Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (12-Y 2-N) (1/16/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2291
Renewable Energy		SB 813	Electric utility regulation; solar generation facilities	Exempts electric IOU from the requirement that a proceeding for approval to construct a generating facility they demonstrate that they have considered and weighed alternative options in their selection process if the proposed generating facility uses energy derived from sunlight. Cost of any accepted solar generating facility shall not exceed 10% the cost that would be incurred in the construction and operation of a combined-cycle combustion turbine generation facility with the same capacity.		David W. Marsden		Assigned C & L sub: Renewable Energy (1/18/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB813
Renewable Energy		SB 918	Renewable energy; third-party power purchase agreements	Replaces 2013 pilot program that authorizes 3rd-party PPA. Requires State Corporation Commission to establish 3rd-party PPA programs for each utility. Excepts sellers under 3rd party PPA from being defined as a public utility, public service corporation, public service company, or electric utility		John S. Edwards		Assigned C&L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB918
Renewable Energy		SB 1197	Small renewable energy projects; State Corporation Commission to review construction, etc.	Restores the requirement for SCC review of the construction and operation of certain small renewable energy projects.		R. Creigh Deeds		Assigned C&L sub Renewable Energy (1/18/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB1197
Renewable Energy	HB 1800		Electric utility regulation; third party power purchase agreements	Authorizes individual retail customers of electric energy to own and operate, or contract with other persons to own, operate, or both, a renewable electrical generating facility under a 3rd party PPA, on the customer's premises that meets the eligible customer-generator requirements for nonresidential customers and agricultural customers under the net energy metering program	David J. Toscano			Assigned C&L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1800
Renewable Energy		SB 1395	Small renewable energy projects; permits by rule	Provides certain small renewable energy projects proposed, developed, constructed, or purchased by a public utility if the project's costs are not recovered from VA jurisdictional customers under base rates or a rate adjustment clause, or by a utility aggregation cooperative, are eligible for a permit by rule and are exempt from environmental review and permitting by the State Corporation Commission. Small renewable energy projects from 100 MW to 150 MW (Wind and Solar)		Frank W. Wagner		Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (1/11/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB1395

Renewable Energy: Tax Credit	HB 1632	Renewable energy property tax credit	Established a tax credit for renewable energy property placed in service, beginning in taxable year 2017. Credit would equal 35% of the installed cost of the renewable energy property. Credit would not exceed the lesser of 50% of the amount of the state corporate income tax, license tax on certain public utility companies, or license tax on insurance; or \$15,000. Only the ultimate consumer or user of the renewable energy property would be allowed to claim the credit.	Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.	Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (1/20/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB1632
Renewable Energy: Tax Credit	HB 1891	Geothermal heat pump property expenditure; establishes a tax credit for taxable years 2017-21	Establishes tax credit for geothermal heat pump property expenditures at a residence in VA. Credit would equal 25% of purchase or installation expenditures. A maximum credit of 50% of tax liability or \$2,500, whichever is less, and carry over unused credit for up to 10 years. Taxpayer can only claim 25% of total cost of geothermal heat pump property at a single residence, up to a max of \$10,000. Bill authorizes Department of Taxation to issue up to \$10 million in credits each fiscal year.	Timothy D. Hugo	Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1 (1/24/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB1891
Transmission/distribution	HB 1766	Utility Facilities Act; associated facilities of an electrical transmission line	Provides that the insurance by the SCC of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of an electrical transmission line of 138 kv. Includes any station, substation, transition station, and switchyard facilities to be constructed in association with the transmission lines.	Gregory D. Habeeb	Vote Passed (67-Y 30-N 1-A) (1/24/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB1766
Utility	HB 1658	Electric utility customer account information confidential	Electric utility customer account information is to be confidential	Robert G. Marshall	Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy (1/17/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB1658
Utility	HB 1671	Qualified projects of natural gas utilities	Exempts any natural gas utility serving fewer than 2,000 residential customers and fewer than 350 C&I customers, from the provision that limits the amount of investment that a natural gas utility may make in qualifying projects to 1% of its net plant investment that was used in establishing base rates in most recent rate cases.	James W. Morefield	Vote: Block Vote Passage (97-Y 0-N) (1/24/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB1671
Waste/Recycling	HB 1759	Redeemable beverage containers	Requires all beverage containers sold in Virginia have a redemption value of \$0.05. Dealers and redemption centers are required to pay redeemers who return container to them full redemption value	Sam Rasoul	Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote (1/18/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB1759
Waste/Recycling	HB 2159	Litter; adds cigarette or cigar butts to definition	Adds cigarette or cigar butts to definition of litter	Sam Rasoul	Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources (1/16/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB2159
Waste/Recycling	HB 2272	Compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling; local ordinances; civil penalties	Allows any locality to require a retailer of CFL bulbs to accept used bulbs from customers and to post written notice of requirement at point of retail sale	Paul E. Krizek	Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources (1/16/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+HB2272
Water Quality	HB 1679 SB 1291	Well permit applications; disclosure of trade secrets	Authorizes DMME to require disclosure of chemical ingredients names, chemical abstracts numbers, or amount or concentration of chemicals or ingredients used to stimulate a well	Roxann L. Robinson	A. Benton Chafin	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (4-Y 2-N) (1/18/17) Senate: Assigned GL&T sub: #1 (1/24/17) http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+SB1291
Water Quality	SB 1383	Coal Ash; treatment by utilities; recycling	Requires electric utilities to recycle as much of their stored coal ash as is imported into the Commonwealth each year	Scott A. Surovell	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (1/11/17)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legsp604.exe?171+sum+SB1383