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MARYLAND									
1	MD	HB514	SB0258	Maryland Commission on Climate Change	Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in MDE to advise Governor and General Assembly on mitigation, preparation, and adaptation issues	Senator Pinsky	State Policy	Support	H - Second Reading Passed with Amendments; First Reading Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs S - Passed (32-14); Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. House E&T
2	MD	HB933		Energy Efficiency and Demand Management Programs and Services - Repeal	Repeals the Empower Maryland Act	Delegates Parrott, Buckel, Kittleman, Metzgar, Otto	State Policy	Oppose	3/17/2015 Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters
3	MD	HB377	SB373	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Revisions (Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2015)	Increases Tier 1 RPS and solar carve out to achieve 40% and 4% solar by 2025 (versus 20% and 2% solar by 2022)	Senators Feldman, Madaleno, Benson, Currie...Young (and many Delegates)	RPS	Support - letter	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. - Senate Finance Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. - House Economic Matters
4	MD	HB636	SB154	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Thermal Energy	Providing for specified thermal tier of energy sources; requiring electricity suppliers to meet 2% thermal by 2023, if the thermal generation exists (e.g. no ACP)	Senator Middleton Delegates Stein, Clippinger, Gaines, Morhaim	RPS	Pending	Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. - Senate Finance Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. -House Economic Matters
5	MD		SB760	Public Utilities - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Combustion Source	Limits RECs from combustion sources to amount received by utility from those sources in 2013. Combustion source from facility existing as of Jan 1 2015 are eligible to be included in RPS.	Senator Montgomery	RPS	Pending	Senate Rules - First Reading 2/16
6	MD	HB1087	SB481	Electricity - Community Solar Energy Generating System Program	Establishes a community solar pilot program	Senator Ramirez; Delegates Clippinger, B. Barnes, Conaway...	Community Solar	Support - letter	H - 3/20/2015 - Third Reading Passed (111-29), First Reading Senate Finance
7	MD		SB398	Public Service Commission - Community Solar Projects or Virtual Net Energy Metering - Study	Requiring PSC to convene a stakeholder workgroup to study and make recommendations on establishment of community solar/virtual net energy metering; due December 1, 2016	Senators Pugh, Muse	Community Solar	Support - letter	S- 3/13/2015 Third Reading Passed (46-0) H - 3/13/2015 First Reading Economic Matters
8	MD	HB323	SB262	Maryland Building Performance Standards - Energy Codes - Local Authority	Authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that are equivalent to the requirements of specified international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes.	Sen. Jennings Del. Impallaria	Building Codes	Pending	H - 3/12/2015 Third Reading Passed (135-0) Senate 2/26/2015 (46-0) Passed

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9	MD	HB 450	SB 371	State Highway Administration - Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas	Requires the State Highway Administration to, by September 30, 2016, adopt a statewide policy related to bicycle and pedestrian priority areas (BPPAs) that (1) includes design guidelines; (2) provides for the safety of bicycle and pedestrian traffic; and (3) provides for the use of specialized traffic control devices.	Del. Carr Sen. Rosapepe	Bike & Pedestrian	Support - letter	HB 450 - 3/13/2015 Third Reading Passed House (134-3) ; Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m. - Senate Finance SB 371 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments
10	MD	HB656		Electricity - Energy Storage - Fuel Cells (Stored Energy and Power (StEP) Act)	Requires PSC to establish a pilot program to encourage use of energy storage; requires participating generators to establish a demonstration project; authorizing the Commission to provide incentives for participation.	Delegates Korman, Fraser-Hidalgo, Gutierrez, Hixson, Lam.....	Energy Storage	Support	3/17/2015 Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters
11	MD	HB235		Vehicle Laws - Manufacturers and Distributors - Sale of Electric or Nonfossil-Fuel Burning Vehicles	Enables EV or AFV manufacturers to be licensed as a vehicle dealer (if no dealer in the State holds a franchise from the manufacturer already.)	Reznick, Smith, Frazier Hidalgo	AFVS	Support - letter	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. - House E&T
12	MD		SB682	Electric Vehicles - Use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes - Reciprocity With Virginia	Allows EVs registered in Virginia to use HOV lanes in Maryland, contingent to enactment of a similar Act in Virginia providing for reciprocity.	Senators Feldman, Rosapepe	AFVs	Support	3/9/2015 Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings
13	MD		SB714	Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council - Reporting and Sunset Extension	Altering the deadlines for the reporting requirements for the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; and extending until June 30, 2020, the termination date for the Council.	Senators Feldman, Rosapepe	AFVs	None	3/13/2015 Second Reading Passed with Amendments
14	MD	HB378		Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Qualifying Biomass	Limits the eligibility of qualifying biomass as a Tier 1 renewable source for the RPS (removes black liquor)	Delegate K. Young	RPS	None	2/23/2015 Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters; Withdrawn
15	MD		SB353	Electric Companies - Installation of Solar Electric Generating Facility - New Interconnection Agreement	Requiring solar installers to contact utility & determine if new interconnection is possible in the customer's property area and to notify the customer of this determination before the contract is executed	Senator Hershey	Solar	None	S - 2/26/2015 Third Reading Passed (46-0) H - 3/4/2015 Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters
16	MD		SB899	Offshore Wind - Application for Proposed Project - Evaluation and Approval	Prohibits PSC from approving offshore wind projects that impact physical or electromagnetic radiation area of private, State, federal, or military infrastructure, resources, facilities, ranges, etc.	Senator Waugh	Offshore Wind	None	Senate Finance - Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.
17	MD		SB382	Electric Companies - Customer Choice of Electricity Supplier - Smart Meters	Requiring electric companies to process enrollment in a third party supplier within three business days	Senator Hershey	Smart Meters	None	Hearing 2/17 at 1 p.m. Senate Finance

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18	MD	HB508		Gas and Electricity - Analog Meters - Purchase and Installation	Requires PSC to authorize a customers to purchase and install an analog meter and requiring utilities to install/allow the meter as well as install additional controls the customer may want to install	Delegates Glass, Aumann, Carr.....	Smart Meters	None	Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m. -House Economic Matters
19	MD	HB516	SB9	Gas and Electricity - Smart Meters - Customer Rights and Required Reports	Requiring utility to notify customers prior to deploying smart meters; prohibiting any additional fee or charge for smart meter install or removal	McFadden	Smart Meters	None	Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. - Senate Finance. Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m. - House Economic Matters
20	MD	HB336		Procurement - State Funds - Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Fixtures	Expands prohibition on the use of State funds to install or replace light bulbs to all permanent outdoor lights unless unless meet EE requirements	Carr, Cassilly, Chang, Platt	Lighting Efficiency	None	3/10/2015 Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn
21	MD	HB376		Electric Companies - Vegetation Management - Local Law, Rule, or Regulation	Repeals prohibition of municipal actions that interfere with/ increase costs of electric company toward compliance with vegetation management standards.	Delegates Tarlau, Anderton, Carr, Fennell, Frush...	Utility Vegetation Management	None	3/13/2015 Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters
22	MD	HB611	SB747	Public Utilities - Electric Companies - Vegetation Management	Requires electric company vegetation management to comply with International Society of Arboriculture's Best Management Practices; prohibits removal of trees on private property unless the tree is hazardous and the private property owner has consented.	Delegates A. Miller, Frick, Korman, Carr, Dumais, Fraser-Hidalgo, Kelly, S. Robinson, Tarlau	Utility Vegetation Management	None	3/17/2015 Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters S - 3/16/2015 Hearing cancelled
23	MD	HB449	SB409	Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Protect Our Health and Communities	Prohibits Department of the Environment from issuing fracking permits until April 30, 2023. Creates panel to review fracking.	Delegates Fraser-Hidalgo.... Senators Montgomery....	Fracking	None	Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. - House E&T Hearing 3/3 at 1:00 p.m. -Senate EHEA
24	MD	HB458		Environment - Exploration and Production Waste and Waste From Hydraulic Fracturing	Establishes fracking effluent as a controlled hazardous substance; prohibits the Department of the Environment from granting exemptions; prohibits collecting, storing, treating, or disposing waste from hydraulic fracturing.	Delegates Robinson, Fraser-Hidalgo, Barkley, Beidle, Carr....	Fracking	None	Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. -House E&T
25	MD		SB29	Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibitions	Prohibits storing, treating, discharging, or disposing of wastewater resulting from hydraulic fracturing; prohibiting hydraulic fracturing for the exploration or production of natural gas	Brochin, Raskin and Zirkin	Fracking	None	Hearing 3/3 at 1:00 p.m. -Senate EHEA
26	MD		SB712	Natural Gas Severance Tax and Impact Account	Imposes 2.5% tax on the production of natural gas from specified wells in the State; establishing the Natural Gas Impact Account as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Oil and Gas Fund.	Senator Edwards	Natural Gas	None	Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. - Senate Budget & Taxation

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2	VA	HB 1446		Relating to the financing of clean energy programs.	PACE: enables locality to place a voluntary special assessment on properties, use outside contractor, clarifies lien issues. Similar to HB 1665	Daniel W Marshall III	PACE	Support	Passed Both. Governor's Deadline: March 30
3	VA		SB 801	Relating to the financing of clean energy programs....	PACE - companion to HB 1446.	John C Watkins	PACE	Support	Passed Both. Governor's Deadline: March 30
4	VA	HB 1297		Relating to machinery and tools tax...	Establishes separate M&T tax class for RE energy systems, not to exceed general M&T tax rate	Sam Rasoul	RE Financial Incentives	None	Passed Both. Governor's Deadline: March 30
5	VA	HB 1950		Relating to electric utilities...	Raises maximum size of commercial projects from 500 kW to 1 MW	Jennifer L McClellan	Net Metering Cap	Support	Passed Both. Governor's Deadline: March 30
6	VA	HB 2237		Electric utilities; costs of solar energy facilities.	Allows Dominion or APCo to recover cost of building or buying a >5 MW solar facility in VA, and declares solar energy dev in the Public Interest	David E. Yancey	State Energy Policy	None	Passed Both.
7	VA		SB 1099	Relating to the Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority.	Creates the Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority.	Richard H Stuart	State Energy Policy	Support	Passed Both. Governor's Deadline: March 30
8	VA		SI 273	Study: DEQ to study 'double-counting' benefits of CPP	Directs DEQ to study "double counting" of health benefits from CPP that may already be expected due to other air quality improvements	Frank W Wagner	Clean Power Plan	None	Passed Both.
9	VA		SB 1331	Relating to the Natural Gas Conservation and Ratemaking Efficiency Act.	Alters definition of "cost effective conservation program" so that net present value/cost and admin costs are assessed on a portfolio-wide basis, and not required for individual measures.	J. Chapman Petersen	Utility Regulation	None	Passed Both.
10	VA		SB 1349	Electric utility regulation; suspension of reviews of earnings	Bars SCC from conducting biennial review of Dominion rates/conditions until 2023, makes IRPs annual, does not preclude rate increases	Frank W Wagner	Utility Regulation	None	Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 6 (effective 7/1/15)
11	VA	HB 1595		Relating to the Department of General Services...	Reenacts AFV grant fund for purchase/conversion of state or local gov't fleets	Scott W. Taylor	AFVs	None	02/06/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table
12	VA		SB 740	To require the Department of Environmental Quality to obtain General Assembly approval ...	Requires DEQ obtain GA approval before submitting a state plan for the Clean Power Plan	Charles W. Carrico Sr.	Clean Power Plan	None	02/05/15 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Ag, Conservation and Natural Resources (8-Y 7-N)
13	VA		SB 1202	To establish conditions on the authority of state agencies to prepare or submit a state implementation plan...	Bars state agencies from submitting a SIP for the Clean Power Plan	Frank W Wagner	Clean Power Plan	None	02/05/15 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (13-Y 0-N)
14	VA		SB 1442	Clean Power State Implementation Plan; DEQ prohibited from expending funds...	Prohibits DEQ from spending funds to develop or implement a state plan, requires Senate, House and SCC approval, prohibits EGU retirement prior to "end of engineering lifetime." Does not allow utilities to raise rates to meet the CPP, but allows rate adjustment clauses to be used to cover costs.	Frank W Wagner	Clean Power Plan	None	01/29/15 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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15	VA	HB 1636		Relating to electric utilities; net energy metering...	Establishes a community/virtual net metering program for RE projects up to 2MW	J. Randall Minchew	Community Net Metering	None	01-20-2015 - Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy
16	VA		HB 1729	Relating to distributed solar generation facilities...	Creates "solar gardens" - community net metering for solar power only, 10+ subscribers up to 2 MW. Allows utilities to charge "reasonable" standby charges as determined by SCC	Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Community Net Metering	None	01-20-2015 - Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy
17	VA		SB 350	Net energy metering by municipalities & multifamily customer-generators; projects authorized	Establishes community NM for local governments up to 5 MW and for multifamily buildings up to 500kW, exempts from standby charge	John S Edwards	Community Net Metering	None	2/3/15 Senate: Left in Commerce and Labor
18	VA	HB 2073		Relating to electric utilities...	Allows net metering for energy balancing customers (EV to grid or energy storage), enables aggregation, clarifies utility vs. supplier	David J Toscano	Energy Storage	None	02-03-2015 - C & L special Subcom on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
19	VA	HB 1911		Relating to electric utilities...	Requires SCC to conduct "value of solar" analysis prior to approving standby charges	Alfonso H. Lopez	Net Metering	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
20	VA	HB 1622		Relating to electric utilities...	Increases NM caps to 40 kW for Res and 1MW for Comm. Currently (1/23) does not limit standby charges.	Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Net Metering Cap	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
21	VA	HB 1912		Relating to electric utilities...	Increases NM caps to 2MW for Comm. Currently (1/23) does not limit standby charges.	Alfonso H. Lopez	Net Metering Cap	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
22	VA		SB 833	Relating to electric utilities; net energy metering program.	Raises maximum size of commercial projects from 500 kW to 2 MW	John S Edwards	Net Metering Cap	None	01/26/15 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce & Labor (15-Y 0-N)
23	VA	HB 1665		Relating to the financing of clean energy programs.	PACE: enables locality to place a voluntary special assessment on properties, use contractor, clarifies lien issues. Similar to HB 1446, SB 801.	J. Randall Minchew	PACE	None	02/06/15 House: Stricken from docket by Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote
24	VA	HB 1925		Relating to electric utilities...	Replaces current Dom PPA program with one covering both Dom & and APCo. Increases project cap from 500 kW to 1 MW, raises overall program to 100 MW from 50 MW. Projects under 50 kW eligible only for tax-exempt organizations. Companion to SB 1160.	Alfonso H. Lopez	PPAs	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
25	VA		SB 1160	Relating to electric utilities...	Companion to HB 1925.	John S Edwards	PPAs	None	02/11/15 Senate: Left in Commerce and Labor

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26	VA	HB 1650		relating to grants for placing into service renewable energy property.	Establishes grant program for RE facilities (35% system cost) capped at \$10m/year. Passed in 2014 but not funded.	Ronald A Villanueva	RE Financial Incentives	None	01/28/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote
27	VA	HB 1728		Relating to tax credits for placing into service renewable energy property.	Establishes a property tax credit for renewable energy systems (35% of system cost) capped at \$5m/year	Richard Sullivan, Jr.	RE Financial Incentives	None	01/23/15 House: Finance Subcommittee recommended laying on table
28	VA	HB 2205		To establish a funding source to localities in coastal Virginia for flood resilience by requiring ...	Directs Governor to have VA join RGGI by June 30 2016. Creates Commonwealth Resilience Fund, for coastal climate resilience, EE & conservation, economic development, RE programs.	Ronald A Villanueva	RGGI/ resilience	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
29	VA	SB 1323		Requesting DEQ to study...funding source to localities in coastal...	Similar to HB 2205. Requests DEQ to look into establishing a coastal resilience fund, possibly by joining RGGI.	Lynwood W Lewis Jr.	RGGI/ resilience	None	01/27/15 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Rules (12-Y 0-N)
30	VA	HB 1725		Relating to the Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority.	Creates the Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority. Companion to SB 1099.	David L Bulova	State Energy Policy	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table
31	VA	HB 1730		Relating to electric and natural gas utilities...	Establishes an EERS with annual escalator for electric (2% by 2030) & gas utilities (1% by 2030)	Richard Sullivan, Jr.	State Energy Policy	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
32	VA	HB 1913		Relating to electric utilities; renewable ...	Makes RPS mandatory, and adds an EE goal for 2017-21 (reduce energy use 10% below 2006 levels by 2022), removes double/triple credits except for onshore wind	Alfonso H. Lopez	State Energy Policy	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends laying on the table by voice vote
33	VA	HB 2075		Relating to electric utility regulation...	Requires the SCC to establish a registry for tracking SRECs, compatible with PJM-GATS	David J Toscano	State Energy Policy	None	02/03/15 House: Special Subcommittee on Energy recommends striking from docket by voice vote
34	VA	HB 2155		Relating to a requirement that certain electric utilities advance energy diversification by acquiring energy from new zero-emitting energy...	Establishes "energy diversification goals" (a zero emission portfolio standard) achieving 20% by 2024 and 35% by 2030. At least 40% of the zero emission credits must be demand-side (DG or DR)	Mark D. Sickles	State Energy Policy	None	02/10/15 House: Left in Commerce and Labor
35	VA	HB 2219		Relating to utility-scale solar energy facilities.	Declares up to 500 MW of solar in Public Interest, authorizes utilities to apply to SCC for certificate of public convenience & necessity for facilities >20 MW anywhere in VA	Joseph R. Yost	State Energy Policy	None	02/10/15 House: Left in Commerce and Labor