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VIRGINIA

Bill #, Sponsors	Topic	Summary	Proposed Position	Submit Letter?	Timeline, Hearings
NET METERING					
HB129 Kilgore	Electric utilities; purchases from net metering sellers.	Electric utilities; retail competition; purchases from net metering sellers. Authorizes individual retail customers who are eligible customer-generators under Virginia's net energy metering program to purchase electricity provided 100 percent from renewable energy exclusively for their own consumption from a net metering seller. A net metering seller is a person, other than a utility or licensed supplier, that owns or operates a renewable energy electricity generation source on premises that is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by an eligible customer-generator and sells the electricity generated from the renewable generation source exclusively to the eligible customer-generator under a power purchase agreement. This exception to the incumbent electric utility's exclusive service territory applies even if the utility offers an approved tariff for electric energy provided 100 percent from renewable energy.	Support. Would explicitly allow behind-the-meter power purchase agreements (PPA) for 100% renewable-produced power.	Y	2/6/12 Passed House (97Y, 0N, 1A) 2/7/12 Referred to Cmte. On Commerce and Labor *Crossover
ENERGY GOALS					
HB1177 Watson	Virginia Energy Plan objectives	Virginia Energy Plan; objectives. Adds to the list of the Commonwealth's energy objectives the following: (i) ensuring an adequate energy supply and a Virginia-based energy production capacity; and (ii) minimizing the Commonwealth's long-term exposure to volatility and increases in world energy prices through greater energy independence.	Monitor.	N	02/06/12 Passed House (95-Y 2-N) 02/07/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
RPS					
HB 232 Cosgrove	Renewable energy; expands definition to include landfill gas, thermal energy equivalents.	Expands the definition of renewable energy to include landfill gas. The measure also provides that the RPS Goals under the renewable energy portfolio standard program may be composed of renewable thermal energy equivalents. A renewable thermal energy equivalent is the thermal energy output from a renewable-fueled combined heat and power generation facility that is (i) constructed, or renovated and improved, after January 1, 2012, (ii) located in the Commonwealth, and (iii) utilized in industrial processes other than the combined heat and power generation facility, where thermal energy is expressed as an equivalent number of megawatt hours.	Support.	n/a	01/25/12 House: Read third time and passed House (91-Y 7-N 1-A) 02/15/12 Senate: Passed Senate (34-Y 6-N)

MARYLAND

Bill #	Topic	Summary	Supp/Opp	Submit Letter?	Timeline
OFFSHORE WIND					
HB 441, SB 237	Md. Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012	Altering the Maryland renewable energy portfolio standard program to include a specified amount of energy derived from offshore wind energy; prohibiting the portion of the renewable energy portfolio that represents offshore wind energy from applying to retail electricity sales by a supplier in excess of a specified amount of industrial process load; etc.	Support.	Y	2/1 First Reading Economic Matters 2/20 House hearing Cancelled.
The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Hucker, Barnes, Barve, Bobo, Cardin, Frush, Hubbard, Jones, Mizeur, Ross, Stein, and Waldstreicher					
COMMUNITY ENERGY / NET METERING					
HB 864 / SB 595	Community Energy Generating Facilities and Net Energy Metering	Creating a community energy-generating program; specifying that a community energy-generating facility is not an electric company or electricity supplier; authorizing a public service company or any other person to own a community energy-generating facility; authorizing subscriber organizations to contract with third parties for specified functions; etc.	Support. Promotes distributed generation, on-site renewables. Allows up to 1,500MW of community-energy generation capacity, for facilities <= 2MW. Community generators retain RECs.	Y	2/9 First Reading Economic Matters Senate - Hearing 3/6 at 1:00 p.m. House - Hearing 3/8 at 1:00 p.m.
Stein, Clippinger, Barkley, Cardin, Feldman, Healey, Hucker, Jameson, Lafferty, Morhaim, and Ross					

STREET LIGHTING

HB 628	Street Lighting - Purchase of Equipment by Local Government and Tariff	Requiring a local government to pay a specified electric company the fair market value of specified street lighting equipment as determined by an agreement between the local government and the electric company or as determined in a condemnation proceeding under specified circumstances; authorizing a local government to include all street lighting equipment that the local government seeks to acquire in its jurisdiction that is owned by one electric company in a single petition of condemnation under specified circumstances; etc.	Support. Facilitates local governments purchasing lights from utilities	Y	2/7 First Reading Economic Matters Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.
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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

HB 108, SB 340	Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, and Parking - Plug-In Vehicles	Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in vehicle in a space that is marked for the use of plug-in vehicles and provides access to a plug-in vehicle recharging station.	Support.	N	1/30 First Reading Judicial Proceedings Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
Luedtke, Bobo, Frush, Guzzone, Jameson, Kaiser, A. Kelly, McDermott, A. Miller, Reznik, S. Robinson, and Zucker					
HB 1280	Public Utilities – Electric Vehicle Users and Charging Stations	Altering the definitions of "electricity supplier" and "public service company", as those terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of "retail electric customer", as that term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station.	Support.	Y	First reading 2/14, House Rules and Executive Nominations
Malone, McHale					
HB 1279	Motor Vehicle Administration - Plug-In Vehicles - Disclosure of Personal Information	Requiring a custodian of Motor Vehicle Administration records containing personal information to disclose specified personal information related to plug-in vehicles for specified use by an electric company subject to specified restrictions.	Monitor.	N	2/14 First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations
Malone, McHale					

ENERGY FINANCE

HB 1088	Electricity and Gas - Energy Efficiency On- Bill Financing Program	Establishing the Energy Efficiency On-Bill Financing Program; requiring a utility company to participate in the Program; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration and the Public Service Commission to collaborate for a specified purpose; limiting the cost of an energy efficiency upgrade to a specified amount; requiring the Commission to establish standards for a qualifying energy efficiency upgrade; etc.	Support.	Y	2/10 First Reading Economic Matters Hearing 3/8 at 1:00 p.m.
HB 995	Maryland Energy Administration - Sustainable Energy Regulated Entity Financing Program	Authorizing the Maryland Energy Administration to create a Sustainable Energy Regulated Entity Financing Program to authorize sustainable energy regulated entities to provide residential renewable energy installations and residential energy efficiency measures to residential property owners under specified qualified contracts; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to manage, supervise, and administer a specified Program; etc.	Monitor.	N	2/10 First Reading Economic Matters Hearing 3/9 at 1:00 p.m.