

**HB 0166 | SB 0146 - RPS****Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2024)****Status:** Introduced**Summary:** Altering the definition of "Tier 1 renewable source" for purposes of excluding energy derived from waste and refuse from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years starting on or after January 1, 2024.**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

Jan 10, 2024 - First Reading Economic Matters

Sep 05, 2023 - Pre-filed

**HB 0352 | SB 0362 - Budget****Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024****Status:** Introduced**Summary:** Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; etc.**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 27, 2024 - Hearing 2/28 at 12:30 p.m.

Feb 27, 2024 - Hearing canceled

Feb 07, 2024 - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Jan 17, 2024 - First Reading Appropriations

**HB 0689 | - MD EV Purchasing Incentives****Electric Vehicles – Repeal of Excise Tax Credit and Establishment of Rebate Program****Status:** Engrossed**Summary:** Repealing the electric vehicle excise tax credit; establishing the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program; establishing certain maximum income requirements for an individual to receive an electric vehicle rebate; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a website to administer the rebate program; requiring a participating dealer to provide a rebate to an eligible buyer at the time the buyer purchases an eligible vehicle; requiring the Administration to reimburse a dealer for rebates provided by the dealer; etc.**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Mar 18, 2024 - Referred Budget and Taxation

Mar 18, 2024 - Third Reading Passed (103-36)

Mar 16, 2024 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments

Mar 16, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {903022/1 Adopted

Mar 16, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Environment and Transportation

Jan 26, 2024 - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.

Jan 25, 2024 - First Reading Environment and Transportation

**HB 0864 | - EmPOWER****Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans****Status:** Engrossed

**Summary:** Requiring each electric company, each gas company, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a plan for achieving certain energy efficiency, conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets through certain programs and services and superseding certain existing energy efficiency and conservation goals; requiring the Public Service Commission to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in support of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and targets; etc.

**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Mar 18, 2024 - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Mar 14, 2024 - Referred Education, Energy, and the Environment

Mar 14, 2024 - Third Reading Passed (99-35)

Mar 13, 2024 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments

Mar 13, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {383220/1 Adopted

Mar 13, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Economic Matters

Feb 02, 2024 - Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 02, 2024 - First Reading Economic Matters

**HB 0889 | SB 0695 - Multi-family Housing EV-Ready****Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units - Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces****Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Requiring the construction of new multifamily residential buildings with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle charging; requiring certain significant renovations of housing units with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle recharging; etc.

**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 06, 2024 - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 02, 2024 - First Reading Environment and Transportation

**HB 0990 | - Manufacturers****Environment - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions - Manufacturers****Status:** Engrossed

**Summary:** Altering the definition of "manufacturing" for purposes of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements to exclude the production of cement; altering the application of certain provisions of law regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing sector to apply only to persons that engaged in manufacturing in 2023; and altering certain prohibitions that apply to a State agency's implementation of a final plan to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Mar 18, 2024 - Referred Education, Energy, and the Environment

Mar 18, 2024 - Third Reading Passed (103-35)

Mar 18, 2024 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments

Mar 18, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {783920/1 Adopted

Mar 16, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Environment and Transportation

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)

Feb 05, 2024 - First Reading Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

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## HB 0993 | - Climate Education Week

### Commemorative Weeks - Maryland Climate Education Week

**Status:** Engrossed

**Summary:** Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the first week of April as Maryland Climate Education Week; and requiring the proclamation to urge residents of all ages to participate in educational activities that promote awareness of climate change and take action toward the State's climate commitments.

#### History (Most Recent Action First):

Mar 18, 2024 - Referred Education, Energy, and the Environment

Mar 18, 2024 - Third Reading Passed (100-33)

Mar 15, 2024 - Favorable Adopted Second Reading Passed

Mar 15, 2024 - Favorable Report by Health and Government Operations

Feb 06, 2024 - Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 05, 2024 - First Reading Health and Government Operations

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## HB 1008 | - Transportation Fee

### Fossil Fuel Transportation Fee and Mitigation Fund (Climate Pollution Reduction Fund Act)

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Imposing a fossil fuel transportation fee on a person that transports a fossil fuel in the State; providing that the rate of the fossil fuel transportation fee is 30 cents per million British thermal units of fossil fuels transported in the State; providing the fee does not apply to the transportation of a fossil fuel that is solely for use on a farm and the carrier does not otherwise use or sell the fossil fuel; establishing the Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to support activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State; etc.

#### History (Most Recent Action First):

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)

Feb 05, 2024 - First Reading Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

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## HB 1272 | - Cap-and-Invest Program

### Department of the Environment - Cap-and-Invest Program - Establishment

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Requiring the Department of the Environment, in collaboration with the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, to develop a cap-and-invest program that reduces climate-altering emissions in the State on or before December 31, 2024.

#### History (Most Recent Action First):

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)

Feb 08, 2024 - First Reading Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

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**HB 1279 | SB 1023 - Better Buildings Act****Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2024)****Status:** Introduced**Summary:** Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before certain dates and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings and significant improvements of buildings and structures meet all water and space heating demands of the building or structure without the use of fossil fuels, meet energy conservation requirements, and meet an electric- and solar-ready standard for certain buildings; etc.**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 08, 2024 - First Reading Environment and Transportation

**HB 1296 | SB 1161 - Offshore Wind****Electricity - Offshore Wind Projects - Alterations****Status:** Engrossed**Summary:** Requiring the Public Service Commission on June 1, 2024 to open a revised Round 2 proceeding to evaluate certain offshore wind projects; authorizing certain offshore wind projects to submit certain revised plans for project schedules, sizes, or pricing, including offshore wind renewable energy credit pricing and, under certain circumstances, to seek approval from the Commission to increase the maximum amount of offshore wind renewable energy credits sold under a certain order, subject to certain limitations; etc.**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Mar 18, 2024 - Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Mar 14, 2024 - Referred Education, Energy, and the Environment

Mar 13, 2024 - Third Reading Passed (100-36)

Mar 12, 2024 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments

Mar 12, 2024 - Floor Amendment {943728/1 (Delegate Hartman) Rejected (39-99)

Mar 12, 2024 - Floor Amendment {643227/1 (Delegate Buckel) Rejected (39-99)

Mar 12, 2024 - Floor Amendment {163824/1 (Delegate Hartman) Rejected (39-98)

Mar 08, 2024 - Motion Special Order until 3/12 (Delegate Hartman) Adopted

Mar 08, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {633020/1 Adopted

Mar 07, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Economic Matters

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 09, 2024 - First Reading Economic Matters

**HB 1360 | - Propane-Powered School Buses****School Bus Transition - Propane-Powered School Buses - Grant Program, Fund, and Purchase****Status:** Introduced**Summary:** Altering certain provisions of law relating to funding and grants to transition to zero-emission vehicle school buses to include propane-powered school buses; and authorizing a county board of education, beginning in fiscal year 2030, to enter into a new contract for the purchase of school buses that are propane-powered.**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Mar 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/12 at 3:00 p.m.

Mar 09, 2024 - Hearing canceled

Mar 05, 2024 - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 09, 2024 - First Reading Environment and Transportation

## [HB 1435](#) | [SB 0783](#) - **Brighter Tomorrow Act**

### **Renewable Energy - Net Energy Metering Aggregation, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, and Taxes on Solar Energy Generating Systems (Brighter Tomorrow Act)**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Altering the maximum generating capacity authorized for certain net metered generating facilities; authorizing an eligible customer-generator participating in certain meter aggregation to receive excess generation from more than one generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; providing that solar energy generating systems that receive a certain certification by the Commission are eligible to receive additional solar renewable energy credits; etc.

#### **History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 09, 2024 - First Reading Economic Matters

## [HB 1438](#) | [SB 0958](#) - **RENEW**

### **Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2024**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate climate change; etc.

#### **History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)

Feb 09, 2024 - First Reading Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

## [SB 0146](#) | [HB 0166](#) - **RPS**

### **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2024)**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Altering the definition of "Tier 1 renewable source" for purposes of excluding energy derived from waste and refuse from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years starting on or after January 1, 2024.

#### **History (Most Recent Action First):**

Jan 25, 2024 - Hearing 1/25 at 1:30 p.m.

Jan 25, 2024 - Hearing canceled

Jan 17, 2024 - Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m.

Jan 17, 2024 - Hearing canceled

Jan 12, 2024 - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Jan 12, 2024 - Hearing canceled  
 Jan 12, 2024 - Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m.  
 Jan 12, 2024 - Hearing canceled  
 Jan 12, 2024 - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Jan 10, 2024 - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment  
 Sep 22, 2023 - Pre-filed

## SB 0362 | HB 0352 - Budget

### Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024

**Status:** Engrossed

**Summary:** Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; etc.

#### History (Most Recent Action First):

Mar 20, 2024 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Floor Amendment {873323/1 (Delegate T. Morgan) Rejected (33-87)  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Floor Amendment {613625/1 (Delegate Tomlinson) Rejected (34-87)  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Floor Amendment {823427/1 (Delegate M. Morgan) Rejected (33-94)  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Adopted  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#17) Adopted  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#16) Adopted (90-33)  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#15) Adopted  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#14) Adopted (95-34)  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#12-13) Adopted  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#12-15)  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#7-11) Adopted  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#1-6) Adopted  
 Mar 20, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments  
 Mar 18, 2024 - Motion Special Order until 3/20 (Delegate Barnes) Adopted  
 Mar 18, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {183220/1  
 Mar 18, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Appropriations  
 Mar 15, 2024 - Referred Appropriations  
 Mar 14, 2024 - Third Reading Passed (43-3)  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Second Reading Passed with Amendments  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Floor Amendment {493621/1 (Senator Hershey) Rejected (12-34)  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Floor Amendment {163226/1 (Senator Gallion) Rejected (13-33)

Mar 13, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Adopted  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#23-35) Adopted  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#17-22) Adopted  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#10-16) Adopted  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Committee Amendment (#1-9) Adopted  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {523722/1  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Motion Special Order until Later Today (Senator Guzzone) Adopted  
 Mar 13, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments  
 Mar 12, 2024 - Motion Special Order until 3/13 (Senator Guzzone) Adopted  
 Mar 12, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {523722/1  
 Mar 11, 2024 - Motion Laid Over (Senator Guzzone) Adopted  
 Mar 11, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments {523722/1  
 Mar 11, 2024 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Budget and Taxation  
 Feb 14, 2024 - Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Jan 17, 2024 - First Reading Budget and Taxation

## [SB 0695](#) | [HB 0889](#) - Multi-family Housing EV-Ready

### **Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units - Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces**

**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Requiring the construction of new multifamily residential buildings with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle charging; requiring certain significant renovations of housing units with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle recharging; etc.

#### **History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 28, 2024 - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Feb 28, 2024 - Hearing canceled  
 Feb 13, 2024 - Hearing 3/01 at 9:00 a.m.  
 Feb 13, 2024 - Hearing canceled  
 Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Jan 29, 2024 - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

## [SB 0783](#) | [HB 1435](#) - Brighter Tomorrow Act

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**Status:** Introduced

**Summary:** Altering the maximum generating capacity authorized for certain net metered generating facilities; authorizing an eligible customer-generator participating in certain meter aggregation to receive excess generation from more than one generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program to provide certain certified systems with a certain additional percentage of renewable energy credits toward meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for solar energy; etc.



**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 06, 2024 - Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)

Feb 01, 2024 - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

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**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 07, 2024 - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)

Feb 02, 2024 - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

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**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Feb 28, 2024 - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 28, 2024 - Hearing canceled

Feb 13, 2024 - Hearing 3/01 at 9:00 a.m.

Feb 13, 2024 - Hearing canceled

Feb 09, 2024 - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb 02, 2024 - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

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**SB 1161 | HB 1296 - Offshore Wind****Electricity - Offshore Wind Projects - Alterations**

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**History (Most Recent Action First):**

Mar 20, 2024 - Rereferred to Education, Energy, and the Environment



