

HOUSE BILL 1484

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By: **Delegate Jalisi**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program – Solar Electric Photovoltaic**
3 **Property and Solar Batteries – Grant Amounts**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, as part of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment
5 Program, a certain minimum dollar amount for grants that are awarded by the
6 Maryland Energy Administration for the installation of solar electric photovoltaic
7 property and solar batteries at an individual's primary residence; and generally
8 relating to the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–20B–02, 9–20B–03, and 9–20B–05(a), (b), (c), (f)(5), (g)(3), and (h)(2)(ii)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–20B–05(h–1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–20B–02.

23 There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy
24 Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 9-20B-03.

2 The purpose of the Program is to decrease energy demand and increase energy
3 supply to promote affordable, reliable, and clean energy to fuel Maryland's future
4 prosperity.

5 9-20B-05.

6 (a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

7 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to implement the Strategic Energy Investment
8 Program.

9 (c) The Administration shall administer the Fund.

10 (f) The Administration shall use the Fund:

11 (5) to provide grants, loans, and other assistance and investment as
12 necessary and appropriate to implement the purposes of the Program as set forth in §
13 9-20B-03 of this subtitle;

14 (g) Proceeds received by the Fund from the sale of allowances under § 2-1002(g)
15 of the Environment Article shall be allocated as follows:

16 (3) at least 20% shall be credited to a renewable and clean energy programs
17 account for:

18 (i) renewable and clean energy programs and initiatives;

19 (ii) energy-related public education and outreach; and

20 (iii) climate change and resiliency programs; and

21 (h) (2) Energy-related public education and outreach and renewable and clean
22 energy programs and initiatives under subsection (g)(3)(i) and (ii) of this section include:

23 (ii) expansion of existing grant programs for solar, geothermal, and
24 wind programs;

25 **(H-1) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "SOLAR ELECTRIC PHOTOVOLTAIC**
26 **PROPERTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A SOLAR BATTERY.**

27 **(2) A CLEAN ENERGY GRANT AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
28 **PROGRAM FOR SOLAR ELECTRIC PHOTOVOLTAIC PROPERTY INSTALLED AT AN**
29 **INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST \$5,000.**

1 **(3) A CLEAN ENERGY GRANT AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
2 **PROGRAM FOR A SOLAR BATTERY INSTALLED AT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY**
3 **RESIDENCE SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST:**

4 **(I) \$2,500 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE SOLAR BATTERY; OR**

5 **(II) \$5,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MORE THAN ONE SOLAR**
6 **BATTERY.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2022.