

# HOUSE BILL 520

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By: **Delegate Barve**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Buildings – Geothermal Energy Systems – Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to install a geothermal energy system in certain  
4 State buildings constructed by the State under certain circumstances; defining a  
5 certain term; and generally relating to the use of geothermal energy systems in State  
6 buildings.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 Section 4–410.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 **4–410.1.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “STATE BUILDING” MEANS:**

17 **(1) A BUILDING CONSTRUCTED BY OR FOR THE STATE FOR**  
18 **OCCUPANCY BY A STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT; OR**

19 **(2) A BUILDING CONSTRUCTED FOR WHICH MORE THAN 50% OF THE**  
20 **MONEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CAME FROM STATE FUNDS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) THE STATE SHALL INSTALL A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SYSTEM IN EACH**  
2 **STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED BY THE STATE IF THE PAYBACK PERIOD FOR THE**  
3 **SYSTEM IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 20 YEARS.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2021.