

HOUSE BILL 678

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HB 1002/22 – W&M

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By: **Delegates Sample–Hughes, Adams, Arentz, Fair, Ghrist, Jacobs, and Otto**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax – Electricity for Agricultural Purposes – Study and Report**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~providing an exemption~~ requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with
4 certain entities, to study and report to the General Assembly, on or before a certain
5 date, on exempting from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity used for
6 agricultural purposes under certain circumstances; and generally relating to ~~the~~ the
7 sales and use tax exemption for agricultural purposes.

8 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

9 ~~Article – Tax – General~~

10 ~~Section 11–201(a)~~

11 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

12 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume)~~

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

15 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the Office of the Comptroller, in consultation
16 with the Public Service Commission and PJM Interconnection, LLC, shall study and report
17 to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on
18 exempting electricity from the sales and use tax if that electricity is purchased by a farmer
19 to:

20 (1) raise livestock or poultry;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~2. prepare, irrigate, or tend the soil; or~~
2 ~~3. plant, service, harvest, store, clean, dry, or transport seeds~~
3 ~~or crops; AND~~

4 ~~(VI) ELECTRICITY WHEN USED TO:~~

- 5 ~~1. RAISE LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY;~~
6 ~~2. PREPARE, IRRIGATE, OR TEND THE SOIL; OR~~
7 ~~3. PLANT, SERVICE, HARVEST, STORE, CLEAN, DRY, OR~~
8 ~~TRANSPORT SEEDS OR CROPS.~~

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.