

SENATE BILL 249

M3, R2

(9lr2172)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environment and Transportation
and Economic Matters* —

Introduced by **Senator Lam**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regional Initiative to Limit or Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in**
3 **Transportation Sector – Authorization**
4 **(Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019)**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to include the State as a full participant in a
6 certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas
7 emissions from the transportation sector; ~~authorizing the Governor to impose a~~
8 ~~certain statewide greenhouse gas emission fee on the sale or distribution of motor~~
9 ~~fuel under certain circumstances;~~ requiring the Department of the Environment and
10 the Department of Transportation to report to ~~certain committees of~~ the General
11 Assembly on or before ~~a certain date,~~ *certain dates* ~~and with a certain frequency~~
12 ~~thereafter,~~ on the status of a certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or
13 reduces greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; requiring the
14 General Assembly to enact a law approving the withdrawal of the State from a

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas
 2 emissions from the transportation sector; and generally relating to limiting or
 3 reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

4 BY adding to

5 Article – Environment

6 Section 2–1204.2

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Environment**

12 **2–1204.2.**

13 (A) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE THE STATE AS A FULL PARTICIPANT IN
 14 ANY REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT
 15 LIMITS OR REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION
 16 SECTOR.

17 (B) ~~IF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA~~
 18 ~~IMPOSES A STATEWIDE OR CITYWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION FEE ON THE SALE~~
 19 ~~OR DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR FUEL, THE GOVERNOR MAY IMPOSE A SIMILAR FEE OF~~
 20 ~~UP TO THE SAME AMOUNT AS THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF~~
 21 ~~VIRGINIA OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.~~

22 (C) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2019, AND ~~EVERY 6 MONTHS FOR EACH~~
 23 ~~YEAR THEREAFTER FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS THEREAFTER~~, THE DEPARTMENT AND
 24 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL REPORT TO ~~THE SENATE BUDGET~~
 25 ~~AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND~~
 26 ~~ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE~~
 27 ~~HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND~~
 28 ~~TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE~~
 29 ~~WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE STATUS OF A~~
 30 REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT LIMITS OR
 31 REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR,
 32 INCLUDING:

33 (1) WHETHER A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVE,
 34 AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT THAT LIMITS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE
 35 TRANSPORTATION SECTOR EXISTS;

1 **(2) WHETHER THE GOVERNOR HAS INCLUDED THE STATE AS A FULL**
2 **PARTICIPANT IN SUCH AN INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT; AND**

3 **(3) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OR THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERS RELEVANT.**

5 ~~(D)~~ **(C) THE STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM A REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL**
6 **INITIATIVE, AGREEMENT, OR COMPACT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE**
7 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTS A LAW TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.