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— MSBA Environment & Energy Law Briefing —

Agenda

- Introduction
- Overview of environmental & energy policy in Maryland
- 2020 session
 - Featured legislation
 - Zero waste task force
 - Transit Caucus
 - Bills that failed to pass
 - Governor's vetoes
- Looking forward: 2021 session and beyond
- Q&A

About Brooke

- Elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2014
- Represents District 46
- Member of the Appropriations Committee, 2015-2019
- Member of the Environment & Transportation Committee
 - Chair of the Land Use and Ethics Subcommittee
- “Green Champion” - League of Conservation Voters
- Key issues: Education equity, the environment, transit, public safety and gun violence prevention, and more
- Mom, lawyer, lover of Baltimore!

Environmental & Energy Policy in MD

What's happening? There's policy targeting:

- Emissions
- Transportation
- Pesticides
- Recycling
- Composting
- Renewable energy
- Waste
- Commercial farming

2020 Session - Energy/ Env Bills (passed)

- **HB 229/ SB 300 (Del. Stein/ Sen. Lam)** – Bans Chlorpyrifos
- **HB 539 (Del. Watson & Lierman)** – Creates Resilience Authorities
- **HB 1236 (Del. Solomon)** – Expands MARC services VA and DE

2020 Session - Energy/ Env Bills (stalled)

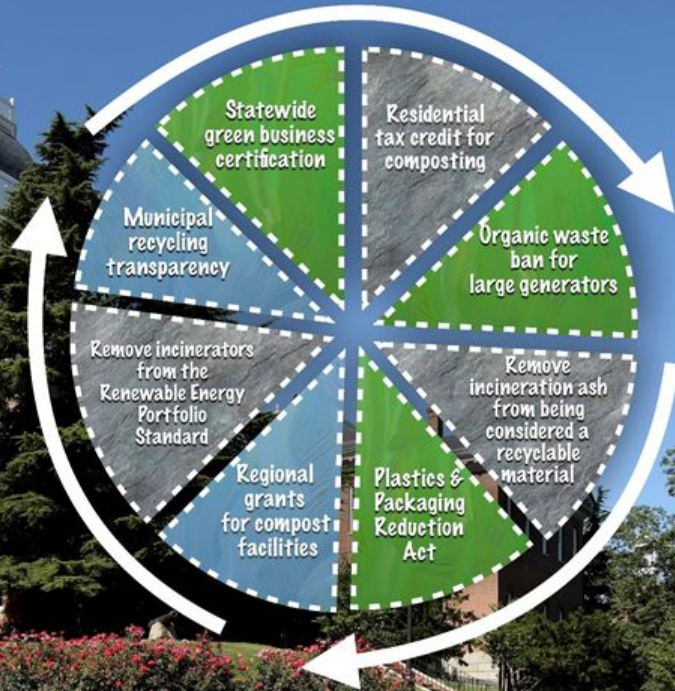
- **HB 1425 (Del. Stein)** – Requires the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045
- **HB 1545 (Del. Barve)** – Ends coal burning
- **HB 438 (Del. Mosby)** – Updates Maryland’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards so that trash incineration is no longer classified as a renewable energy source
- **HB 368 (Del. Lierman)** – Invests in public transit
- **HB 229 (Del. Lierman)** – Reduces plastic and packaging
- **HB 614 (Del. Lierman)** – Increases accountability, transparency, and enforcement of natural resource laws

2020 Session - Energy/ Env Bills (stalled)

- **HB 531 (Del. Charkoudian)** - Utility Regulation - Considerations of Climate and Labor
- **HB 561 (Del. Charkoudian)** - Community Choice Energy pilot program
- **HB 982 (Del. Charkoudian)** - Energy performance targets for low and middle-income housing
- **HB 1465 (Del. Jacobs)** - Federal Clean Water Act / Conowingo Dam
- **HB 517 (Del. Stewart)** - Constitutional Amendment - Environmental Rights
- **HB 398 (Del. Rogers)** - Contracts for Energy Efficiency - Net-Zero Homes
- **HB 1636 (Del. Forbes)** - Green Building Restoration Act
- **HB 192 (Del. Hill)** - Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2020

Pathway to Zero Waste

2020 Legislative Package



Zero Waste Task Force

Zero Waste Bills - 2020 session

COMPOSTING

- **Grant Matching Bill (Del. Jazz Lewis)** – Creates matching grant fund to support local municipalities interested in building out their composting infrastructure
- **Tax Credit (Del. Shetty)** – Provides tax credit to incentivize adoption of composting – can be used to purchase composting supplies or contract with a company to pick up compost
- **Green Business Certification Program (Del. Shetty)** – Establishes a statewide program to incentivize businesses to adopt green practices (modeled after MOCO Green Business Cert. Program)
- **Organic Waste Ban (Del. Charkoudian)** – Requires disposal of organic waste for certain businesses at composting facility

Zero Waste Bills - 2020 session

RECYCLING

- Recycling Transparency Bill (Del. Stephanie Smith) - – Increases reporting transparency about what's being recycled by local jurisdictions

INCINERATION

- Incinerated Ash Bill (Del. Charkoudian) – Removes incineration ash from being considered a recyclable material towards counties recycling goals under the Maryland Recycling Act and removes 5% waste reduction credit received by counties using an incinerator built before 1988

+ ***Plastic Bag Ban & Trash Incineration Renewable Energy bill***



Transit Caucus

www.marylandtransitcaucus.org

Transit Caucus Priority Bills - 2020 session

1. Transit Safety and Investment Act (HB 368)
2. P3 Oversight and Reform Act (HB 1424)
3. The Pedestrian Safety Act (HB 973/SB 815)
4. Electric Bus Transition Act (HB 432/SB 423)
5. The Southern Maryland Transit Project (HB 205/SB 105)
6. The Western Maryland Transit Study (HB 1367)

Recap: Bills that Stalled

- Plastics & Packaging Reduction Act
- Transit Safety and Investment Act
- Ending coal burning
- Trash incineration / renewable energy credits
- Zero Waste composting and recycling bills
- Transit Caucus priority bills
- Utility and Energy bills
- Conowingo Dam
- Constitutional Amendment - Environmental rights

Governor's Vetoes

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What Next?

- How do we get these bills to pass?
- What will we work on in the near future?
- Budget shortfalls and impact on environmental and energy initiatives

Looking Forward

- Zero Waste task force
- Transit Caucus
- Transparency and accountability in environmental enforcement
- COVID-19 x Climate



Fund Maryland's Transit System!



UNLESS someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It's not.

- *The Lorax*

