

**HB0074/933997/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 74  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Weldon” and substitute “Weldon, Bartlett, Burns, Doory, Feldman, Hecht, Impallaria, Jameson, J. King, Krysiak, Love, Manno, Mathias, McHale, Miller, Rudolph, Stifler, Taylor, Vaughn, and Walkup”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in lines 2 and 5, in each instance, after “Solar” insert “and Geothermal”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “altering the Solar Energy Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to be the Solar and Geothermal Energy Grant Program;”; strike beginning with “Solar” in line 3 down through “Grant” in line 4; in line 4, strike “administered by the Maryland Energy Administration”; in the same line, after the semicolon insert “providing certain grants to individuals, local governments, and businesses for certain portions of the costs of acquiring and installing certain geothermal property; limiting the amount of certain grants awarded under the Program for geothermal property; defining a certain term; repealing certain provisions relating to geothermal property;”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – State Government

Section 9–2008

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 16, after “(2)” insert ““GEOTHERMAL PROPERTY” MEANS A HEATING AND COOLING DEVICE THAT IS INSTALLED USING GROUND LOOP TECHNOLOGY.”

(Over)

(3)".

On page 2, in lines 3, 4, and 12, strike "(3)", "(4)", and "(5)", respectively, and substitute "(4)", "(5)", and "(6)", respectively; in lines 3 and 18, in each instance, after "Solar" insert "AND GEOTHERMAL"; in line 21, strike "and" and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after the second "property" insert ", AND GEOTHERMAL PROPERTY".

On page 3, in line 6, strike "and"; in line 8, after "property" insert "; AND

(4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, FOR GEOTHERMAL PROPERTY INSTALLED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, AN AMOUNT THAT MAY NOT EXCEED \$1,000.

(F) NOT MORE THAN 10% OF THE MONEY IN THE PROGRAM MAY BE USED FOR GEOTHERMAL PROPERTY GRANTS UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(4) OF THIS SECTION";

and after line 8, insert:

"[9-2008.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Geothermal heat pump" means a heating and cooling device that is installed using ground loop technology.

(3) "Program" means the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program.

(b) There is a Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program in the Administration.

(c) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to individuals for a portion of the cost of acquiring and installing a geothermal heat pump.

(d) The Administration shall:

(1) administer the Program;

(2) establish application procedures for the Program; and

(3) award grants from the Program.

(e) A grant awarded under the Program may not exceed \$1,000.]”.