



MARYLAND LEAGUE  
OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

# Hot List – HOUSE

WEEK of March 24, 2008

The **Maryland League of Conservation Voters** is pleased to present the “Hot List” – a detailed list of the environmental community’s highest priority legislation for *this week*. Every Tuesday, we will e-mail and distribute it by hand to your office. We hope you find this communication helpful and instructive as you tackle important environmental bills this session. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Schwartz at [cschwartz@mdlcv.org](mailto:cschwartz@mdlcv.org)

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AS OF 10:30 AM ON MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

## COMMITTEE ACTION

### **SB 442: Environment - Clean Air Permit Fees**

Economic Matters Committee – **HEARING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25**

#### **POSITION: SUPPORT**

- ◆ SB 442 increases the emissions-based permit fee; this fee is critical to funding the Maryland Clean Air Fund, which is used to pay for programs mandated under the Clean Air Act

### **SB 213: Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund**

Environmental Matters Committee – **HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

#### **POSITION: SUPPORT**

- ◆ The Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund will allow Maryland to significantly increase its ability to meet the goals outlined in the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement



### **SB 590: Environment - Statute of Limitations**

Environmental Matters Committee – **HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

#### **POSITION: SUPPORT**

- ◆ Environmental enforcement needs to be a greater priority for Maryland if we intend to make progress in protecting the public’s health and the air, land, and waters of the state
- ◆ Environmental violations are notoriously difficult to detect and can be quite difficult to prosecute

### **HB 712: Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gases**

Economic Matters & Environmental Matters Committees – **ALREADY HEARD**

#### **POSITION: SUPPORT**

- ◆ Global warming is the greatest environmental challenge of our time and everything we do to address it will have immediate benefits to the state – creating jobs, lowering costs to consumers and businesses, and making our power system more reliable



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**HB 374: EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008 &  
HB 368: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative – Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program**  
Economic Matters Committee – **ALREADY HEARD**

**POSITION: *SUPPORT***

- ◆ HB 374 requires Maryland to reduce its per capita energy use 15 percent by 2015 and HB 368 ensures Maryland Energy Administration funding through the auction of carbon credits
- ◆ On average, consumers save two to three dollars for every dollar invested in energy efficiency



**HB 375: Renewable Portfolio Standard Percentage Requirements – Acceleration**  
Economic Matters Committee – **ALREADY HEARD**

**POSITION: *SUPPORT***

- ◆ Maryland should put itself ahead of the curve on creating clean energy industries
- ◆ This will make our electricity system more reliable through diversifying our energy sources, promoting economic development, and cleaning up the environment

**HB 1471: Transportation - Intercounty Connector - Elimination of Funding**  
Appropriations Committee – **ALREADY HEARD**

**POSITION: *SUPPORT***

- ◆ The ICC will degrade water and air quality, destroy open space, add to global warming, and cost over \$3 billion

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