



MARYLAND LEAGUE  
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# Hot List – HOUSE

WEEK of February 4, 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 Liz Nelson at enelson@mdlcv.org or 410-280-9855 extension 3.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

### **HB 47: Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development**

Ways & Means Committee – **HEARING ON WEDNESDAY**

**POSITION: *SUPPORT***

- ◆ Low impact design techniques help keep water on-site, filtering out pollutants and allowing rainfall to recharge back into the ground
- ◆ These techniques can reduce the impact of development on water quality

## IMPORTANT BILLS TO WATCH

A few of the environmental community’s top bills have been filed. They are:



### **HB 369: Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund**

*Hearing is February 27*

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



### **HB 374: EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008 & HB 368: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program**

*Hearings are February 12*

HB 374 requires Maryland to reduce its per capita energy use 15 percent by 2015. HB 368 ensures Maryland Energy Administration funding through the auction of carbon credits for full implementation of HB 374.



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

The Global Warming Solutions bill establishes limits on greenhouse gas emissions. Maryland, creates timelines for state agencies to design cost-effective programs to meet the emission limits, and creates a cap-and-trade system so that companies can continue to search for the cheapest ways to comply.



Legislation addressing the fourth priority, **Critical Area reform**, is expected soon.

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In addition to these 4 priority issues, we will also be working on a number of other bills this session. If you have a bill you'd like us to submit testimony on or include in the "Hot List," please let Liz know at [enelson@mdlcv.org](mailto:enelson@mdlcv.org) or 410-280-9855 x3.

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