



Maryland League of Conservation Voters

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Hot List WEEK of January 24th

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to present the "Hot List" - a detailed list of environmental legislation moving through the Maryland General Assembly. Usually, our volunteers will deliver the Hot List to your office every Tuesday; it will also be emailed to your office. We hope you find this weekly communication helpful and instructive as you tackle important environmental bills this session. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Harbeson at kharbeson@mdlcv.org or 410-280-9855, extension 202.

Pending Environmental Legislation

Title: **Prevent Septic Pollution Act**
Summary: Requires the use of Best Available Technology on all new and replacement septic systems statewide.
Status: Not filed
Position: Support
Sponsor: Del. Steve Lafferty



Title: **Oil and Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition**
Summary: Prohibits the exploration or production of natural gas through the process of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") in Maryland.
Position: Support
Sponsor: Sen. Bobby Zirkin



Title: **Keep Antibiotics Effective Act**
Summary: Restricts the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics for livestock and closes the FDA loophole that allows antibiotics to be used for disease prevention.
Position: Support
Sponsor: Sen. Cheryl Kagan/ Del. Brooke Lierman



Title: **Clean Energy Jobs Act – Override**
Summary: Increases the amount of energy Maryland derives from renewable resources to 25% by the year 2020. Overrides the Governor's veto of the 2016 legislation.
Position: Support



Maryland House of Delegates

Appropriations Committee

Title: HB 150/ SB 170 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2018)
Summary: We will oppose rollbacks to the legislative legacy of healthy air, clean water, and unpolluted lands. We must remain vigilant in protecting key environmental programs such as Program Open Space or the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund or Bay Restoration Fund as well as critical resources needed for enforcement and program implementation at the Departments of Environmental, Agriculture, Transportation, Planning, Natural Resources, and Energy.
Status: House - First Reading Appropriations
Position: Monitor
Sponsor: Speaker, President

Economic Matters Committee

Title: HB 229/SB186 Environment - Polystyrene Food Service Products and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging - Prohibition on Sale
Summary: Prohibiting service of food and beverage in polystyrene products statewide, and sale of polystyrene food containers and packing peanuts.
Status: House - First Reading Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters
Position: Support
Sponsor: Del. Brooke Lierman/ Sen. Cheryl Kagan



Environment and Transportation Committee

Title: HB 66 Environment - Lead and Mercury Wheel Weights - Prohibited
Summary: Prohibits the use of wheel weights containing more than a nominal amount of lead or mercury; the use of lead and mercury wheel weights are a source of toxic heavy metals leaching into the environment.
Status: Environment and Transportation Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.
Position: Support
Sponsor: Del. Clarence Lam

Title: HB 110 Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment - Rebates and Tax Credits - Extension
Summary: Extends the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program to

Status: 2020, and doubles the amount (from \$1,800,000 to \$3,600,000) that may be issued for the program during a fiscal year
House - First Reading Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

Position: Support

Sponsor: Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo

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Status: Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.
House - First Reading Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

Position: Support

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Maryland Senate

Budget and Tax Committee

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Status: House - First Reading Appropriations

Position: Monitor

Sponsor: Speaker, President

Finance Committee

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House - First Reading Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

Position: Support

Sponsor: Sen. Cheryl Kagan/ Del. Brooke Lierman



Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Title: SB 29 Natural Resources - Forest Conservation Act - Forest Conservation Thresholds and Reforestation Requirements

Summary: Allows local governments to be more stringent than state law on conservation threshold and mitigation requirements. This is already allowed by law, according to the text of the statute and a formal opinion by the Attorney General, but DNR has refused to recognize that interpretation without this clarification.

Status: Senate - Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Sponsor: Sen. Paul Pinsky

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