



MARYLAND LEAGUE  
OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

## Hot List WEEK of February 4, 2019

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](mailto:kharbeson@mdlcv.org) or 410-280-9855, extension 202.

Maryland League of Conservation Voters distributes our “hotlist” every week, to make sure you know the bills that we are tracking, where they are in the process, and (most importantly) what the environmental position is. Maryland LCV also produces a scorecard at the end of every legislative Session. Scores are drawn from all public record votes (Committee, Floor, Amendment) on every bill that we are tracking.

**While not every bill is scored, any bill on our hotlist, or any vote that we communicate with you about by e-mail or through this Hotlist may be scored.**

If you would like a bill considered for inclusion on the Hotlist, please contact Kristen Harbeson at [kharbeson@mdlcv.org](mailto:kharbeson@mdlcv.org)

### Maryland House of Delegates Appropriations Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0100/SB0125 – <u>Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)</u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	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, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund, and the Bay Restoration Fund, as well as critical resources needed for enforcement and program implementation at the Departments of Environment, Agriculture, Transportation, Planning, Natural Resources and Energy.
<b>Status:</b>	First Reading – Appropriations
<b>Position:</b>	Monitor
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Speaker/President (by request of the Administration)



## Economic Matters Committee



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0109/SB0285: <u>Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition</u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the sale of Expanded Polystyrene products, including cups, plates, and “to-go” clam shells.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lierman/Sen. Kagan

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0277/SB0249: <u>Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019</u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Authorizes the Maryland Governor to enter Maryland into a cross-state regional program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.
<b>Status:</b>	First Reading – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Korman/Sen. Lam

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0308: <u>Public Service Commission – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Rapid Health Impact Assessment and Final Action</u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires applicants for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity before the Public Service Commission to complete a rapid health impact assessment on the project and report its findings.
<b>Status:</b>	First Reading – Economic Matters
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. R. Lewis

## Environment and Transportation Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0001/SB0145: <u>Natural Resources – Prohibition on Dredging Buried Oyster Shells on Man-o-War Shoals</u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man–O–War Shoals; and making the Act an emergency measure.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 1/29 at 2:30pm – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/ Sen. Klausmeier

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0040: <a href="#">Dredging on Man-o-War Shoals – Prohibition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man–O–War Shoals as part of carrying out certain duties calculated to increase the productivity or utility of oyster resources in the State.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 1/29 at 2:30pm – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Grammar

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0066/SB0252: <a href="#">Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires at least two crew members on freight and passenger trains, which ensures safer transport of potentially hazardous materials whose environmental impact to local communities and waterways could be severe in case of derailment.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/7 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Stein/Sen. Hayes

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<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lierman/Sen. Kagan



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0117/SB0003: <a href="#">Smart Growth Investment Fund</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Public investment in smart growth is critical to recruiting private capital and overcoming some of the barriers to high-quality, compact development in existing communities. This bill would support the protection of our environment and open spaces through disincentivizing sprawl development.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation (jointly assigned – Ways and Means)
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/Sen. Rosapepe

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0120/SB0203: <a href="#">Natural Resources – No Net Loss of Forest - Definition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Corrects definition of Maryland’s “No Net Loss of Forests” goal to include forests and accurately reflect current state coverage of forest land.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/6 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Love/Sen. Young

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0272/SB0234: <a href="#">Natural Resources – State and Local Forest Conservation Funds</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires local governments to complete the reforestation obligation for which fees were paid and provides for increased transparency and accountability in fee-in-lieu programs.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00pm – Environment and Transportation
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/Sen. Young

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0275/SB0270: <a href="#">Pesticides – Use of Chlorpyrifos - Prohibition</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Bans the use of Chlorpyrifos – a toxic nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage to children, poison farm workers, contaminate waterways, and harm wildlife.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00pm - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Stein/Sen. Nathan-Pulliam

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0377: <a href="#">Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Zones - Revisions</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Redefines the current definition of a SAV Protection Zone to include all grass beds with a density greater than 10% as mapped by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science annual aerial surveys.
<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00pm - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Gilchrist

## Rules and Executive Nominations

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0246: <a href="#">General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Environmental Impact Statements</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires analysis of environmental and climate impacts of proposed legislation to be included in fiscal notes submitted in consideration with bills before the General Assembly.
<b>Status:</b>	First Reading – House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Shetty

## Ways and Means

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<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty/Sen. Rosapepe

## Maryland Senate

### Budget and Taxation Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0125/HB0100 – <a href="#">Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)</a></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	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, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund, and the Bay Restoration Fund, as well as critical resources needed for enforcement and program implementation at the Departments of Environment, Agriculture, Transportation, Planning, Natural Resources and Energy.
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<b>Position:</b>	Monitor
<b>Sponsor:</b>	President/Speaker (by request of the Administration)



### Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0203/ HB0120: <a href="#">Natural Resources – No Net Loss of Forest - Definition</a></b>
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<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Young/Del. Love

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<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Lam/ Del. Korman

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<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Kagan/Del. Lierman

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<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Nathan-Pulliam/Del. Stein

## Finance Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0003/HB0117: <a href="#">Smart Growth Investment Fund</a></b>
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<b>Status:</b>	Hearing 2/5 at 1:00pm – Finance
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<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Rosapepe/Del. Lafferty

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## Pending Legislation

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Raises the amount of energy Maryland derives from renewable energy sources to 50% by the year 2030; dedicates funding to workforce development programs, especially women-owned, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses; phases waste incineration out of tier one energy sources and expands incentives for solar and wind-energy projects; establishes the requirement for a plan to reach 100% clean energy by the year 2040.
<b>Status:</b>	Pending Introduction
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lisanti/Sen. Feldman



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Green and Healthy Maryland Amendment</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Establishes a provision within the Maryland Bill of Rights for a constitutionally protected right to a safe, healthy environment, in order to create lasting protections for breathable air and drinkable water. This amendment would make the state a fiduciary for equal access to a healthy environment for present and future generations of Marylanders.
<b>Status:</b>	Pending Introduction
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty



## Maryland Green Champions Award

Maryland is fortunate to have a legislature full of supporters for strong environmental legislation. Every year, Maryland LCV rewards these elected officials with high marks on our annual legislative scorecard. These marks, however, don't always allow us to tell the full story of our greatest champions: the Delegates and Senators whose annual scores don't truly reflect their leadership on environmental issues.

This is why Maryland LCV created the Maryland Green Champion Award, to showcase and celebrate the legislators whose leadership rises above and beyond their voting record. This high honor will be awarded each year to Delegates and Senators who meet the following standards:

- 100% score in the previous year
- Lifetime scores since 2003 (or current and previous two legislative terms) above 95%
- Primary sponsor for at least one major LCV legislative priority in previous three years.
- Not supporting LCV opposed legislation on Hot List during that awards legislative session.