



# MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

## Hot List WEEK of January 21, 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 trackin.

**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 – <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.
<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: <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>	First Reading - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lierman

## Environment and Transportation Committee

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0001: <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>	First Reading - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lafferty

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0040: <u>Dredging on Man-o-War Shoals – Prohibition</u></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>	First Reading - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Grammar

<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0109: <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>	First Reading - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Lierman



<b>Title:</b>	<b>HB0120: <u>Natural Resources – No Net Loss of Forest - Definition</u></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>	First Reading - Environment and Transportation Committee
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Del. Love

## Maryland Senate

<b>Title:</b>	<b>SB0125/HB0100 – <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 – Budget and Tax
<b>Position:</b>	Monitor
<b>Sponsor:</b>	President/Speaker (by request of the Administration)



## Pending Legislation

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Prohibiting the sale of Expanded Polystyrene products, including cups, plates, and “to-go” clam shells.
<b>Status:</b>	Pending Introduction
<b>Position:</b>	Support
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Kagan



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2020</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>	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.