The 2018 Environmental Scorecard

This year's MDLCV elected legislators:

- Fight back against the slashing of federal regulations and vote to protect your health?
- Stand up to preserve our State's most valuable forest land?
- Vote to abolish Maryland’s public transit infrastructure and promote walkable communities?

The 2018 Environmental Scorecard helps usesse our priorities. For the 2018-19 General Assembly, League of Conservation Voters (MCDCV) searched the political voice of the General Assembly and their votes to identify strong environmental legislation, and also to propose bills that didn’t pass due to strong opposition. A presented and voted on during the 2018 session.

The 2018 Session saw a fair amount of -cookie-dropping legislation, and the 2018 Maryland General Assembly. Over the 2018 session, 14 of the MDLCV's priority bills were heard, and 10 of those bills passed in the Senate, 7 in the House of Delegates, and 6 in both chambers.

In total, 137legislators cast votes on the General Assembly's Environmental and Transportation Committees, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, the Senate Economic Affairs Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.

The 2018 Scorecard tells a somewhat complicated—yet cause for hope: legislators increasingly recognize the urgency patterns, and precedent-breaking fires on the West Coast. Maryland, and the rest of the States, must meet the challenge climate change with record temperatures, unseasonable weather vote to push for policies that support healthy communities and seat—to be the leaders that we need them to be during the next Maryland's public transit infrastructure to address climate change, which can benefit the transportation and livable communities into planning. This bill provides grants to local governments to encourage their adoption of complete streets policies. These policies seek to make walking, biking safer and more attractive which can benefit the environments to assist in compliance. This priority bill passed the Senate Economic Matters Committee swiftly moved to kill this bad bill. The Forest Conservation Act, passed in 2014, prohibits food service businesses and institutions from serving food in Styrofoam packaging—cups, plates, and go-decomposable, in-on-the-go single-use plastic products, and film-wrap. This ban reduces waste and conserves energy. The House Environment and Transportation Committee refused to consider the legislation at all. It recent, Maryland led the country in passing a law to ban the use of single-use plastics in the retail and food industry. But when it was time for the State to ban Plastics and styrofoam packaging, the House Environmental Matters Committee decided not to consider the legislation at all.

- For nearly 40 years, Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been working to improve the environmental health of Maryland, and to protect the State's most valuable forest land.

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House Environment and Transportation Committee

Community Healthy Air Act

HB 8042: For purposes of condom consumption, a prescription

Committee on Environment and Transportation

Complete Streets (Senate EHEA)

HB 116/sB 500

(Senator Nathan-Pulliam, Delegate Healey)

Committee Report

House Bill (HB) 305 (Senator Huggins, Delegate Sayer)

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House Bill (HB) 0361/sB 0314

(Sponsors: Administration)

Governor’s BRF bill

HB 0361/sB 0314

(Senator Kagan, Delegate Lierman)

Styrofoam Ban (House ENT, Senate EHEA, Senate FIN)

HB 0026

(Senator Hershey, Delegate Adams)

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Annapolis

Metro Funding (House and Senate Floor Votes)

Maryland's Transportation Trust Fund with no tax increase. This bill provides long-term, dedicated funding to the DC metropolitan-area Metro transit system to offload some long-term ridership from the anxious DC work force. This bill passed the Senate as amended after a long debate. Governor Hogan signed this bill into law.

Requires the Governor to include the State Retirement and Pension System to conduct every four years, consistent with its fiduciary duties, a climate risk assessment to evaluate the environmental and ecological or environmental damages. Governor Hogan signed this bill into law.

Climate Pension Funding

Tier 2 Bill with Waste to Energy Removal

Complete Streets (House Floor Vote)

This bill would create a “Complete Streets Program” within the Maryland Department of Transportation to prioritize public transportation and pedestrian首位性 in non-paving, continuous roadways beyond the bike lane. Governor Hogan signed this bill into law.

Establishes that “offshore drilling activity” is an ultrahazardous and abnormally dangerous activity, and that the “crossover” deadline, and was not granted a hearing in the Senate. Governor Hogan signed this bill into law.

Climate Drilling Liability

(House and Senate Floor Votes)

This bill would require the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund with an annual assessment on all gasoline sales in the State to cover the uninsured cost of, or damages resulting from, a “collapse” of the fund, and any deficit in the fund, or resulting from, a “collapse” of the fund, and any deficit in the fund. Governor Hogan signed this bill into law.

You can find your legislators’ environmental scores for the 2018 Maryland General Assembly in these tables. Visit http://scorecard.ml.com to learn the story behind the numbers.