



## Final Hotlist for the Week of March 16, 2020

Friends:

In these extraordinary times, we know you are working hard to get as much legislation done before adjourning Sine Die on Wednesday. As you prioritize the work of the next three days, we urge you to consider the bills in this hotlist. These are bills that have been selected by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and the environmental community as their top priorities for this legislative session. We urge you strongly to pass these six bills before adjourning.

Stay healthy and thank you for your hard work and leadership during these unprecedented events.

Best,  
Kristen and the team at Maryland LCV

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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 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

### Environment and Transportation

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>SB0300/HB0229</b>	<b>Environmental Community Priority</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Pesticides – Use of Chlorpyrifos – Prohibition</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Bans a pesticide known to be toxic at all exposures, and linked to significant adverse health impacts in infants	
<b>EQUITY</b>	Among the populations impacted by remaining agricultural use of chlorpyrifos are migrant farm workers, perpetuating additional negative health effects on already vulnerable populations	
<b>STATUS</b>	First Reading – Environment and Transportation	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Lam/Stein	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	



## MARYLAND SENATE

### Senate Floor

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>HB0209/SB0313</b>	<b>Environmental Community Priority</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Plastics and Packaging Reduction Act</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>As amended</b> - Bans plastic bags at check-out, allows jurisdictions with existing fees to continue collecting fees on paper bags. Under current law, jurisdictions must seek enabling legislation for specific taxing authority – including fees on paper at check-out. This bill would change the law to require jurisdictions to seek enabling legislation to set a price floor for retailers.	
<b>EQUITY CONCERNS</b>	Plastic bag pollution is especially pervasive in low-income communities. As amended, the workgroup focused on ensuring that low-income communities are not disproportionately effected by the cost of reusable and paper bags has been removed.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Senate Floor – On Second Reader	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Lierman/Augustine	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Environment and Transportation (Economic Matters)	

### Budget and Tax

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>HB0368/SB424</b>	<b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Transit Safety and Investment Act</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Requires the Governor to appropriate sufficient funding to address the \$2 billion capital needs investment shortfall released by a Departmental report during the Summer of 2019, including both maintenance and enhancement requirements.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	The MTA serves every county in Maryland however is most utilized by low-income residents as a means of transportation to and from job sites. The degradation of the transit infrastructure illustrated by the CNI is most harmful to an already underserved population.	
<b>STATUS</b>	First Reading – Budget and Tax	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Lierman/Zucker	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Appropriations	



## Education Health and Environmental Affairs

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>HB0192/SB0299</b>	<b>Environmental Community Priority</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2020</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Requires the Maryland Department of General Services to establish standards for state buildings (and those built with 51% or more of state funding) to reduce the amount of energy-inefficient and bird-dangerous glass.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	First Reading Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	
<b>STATUS</b>	On Second Reader – Favorable with Amendments	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Hill/Lam-Guzzone	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Health and Government Operations (Appropriations)	

## Finance

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>HB0432/SB0423</b>	<b>Maryland LCV Priority</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Electric Buses Transition Act</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Requires all buses purchased by the Maryland Department of Transportation beginning in FY22 to be electric.	
<b>EQUITY</b>	Diesel emissions contribute significantly to climate pollution, as well as to the respiratory health of passengers and drivers. This most directly impacts underserved and low-income communities who are more likely to be using public transit.	
<b>STATUS</b>	Passed Third Reader	
<b>POSITION</b>	Support	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Korman/Zucker	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Environment and Transportation (Appropriations)	

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 what the environmental position is for those bills. 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)