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Abundant, Affordable Clean Energy (AACE) Act (SB 316 / HB 398) FACT SHEET

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BACKGROUND

Maryland faces growing demand for electricity as well as rising energy costs, making it crucial to secure reliable, affordable and clean power for our future. Clean energy is now the fastest and cheapest energy source to build, offering significant cost advantages, but our current system doesn't effectively deliver these cost savings to Maryland residents. The AACE Act will ensure Maryland can generate in state the clean energy we need while making energy bills more affordable and the grid reliable. By generating more clean energy in the state of Maryland, we can reduce our dependence on out-of-state dirty power, create local jobs, and make progress to keep utility bills affordable.

- Current energy markets don't adequately protect ratepayers from rising costs
- Maryland needs more in-state clean power generation to ensure reliability and affordability
- Electricity use accounts for more than one-fifth of Maryland's emissions

WHAT THE AACE ACT WILL DO

- Creates a comprehensive clean energy program that includes:
 - Battery storage to keep our grid reliable
 - Restructured financing and procurement for solar programs
 - Support for existing in-state nuclear power
- Protects ratepayers by:
 - Sharing profits from energy generation with customers
 - Capping costs for clean energy programs
 - Using data center tax revenue to offset energy costs
- Prioritizes in-state clean energy projects to reduce transmission costs and create local jobs

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR MARYLAND

Without intervention, Maryland risks facing higher energy costs and potential reliability issues as demand grows. The AACE Act provides a clear path to reliable, affordable clean energy while protecting ratepayers. By generating more clean power in Maryland, we reduce the need for expensive transmission lines and create local jobs. The AACE Act's innovative profit-sharing ensures that as clean energy becomes more profitable, the savings go back to Maryland families. This approach helps us meet our climate goals while keeping energy reliable and affordable for all Marylanders.



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