

Bill No. 39-04
Concerning: Energy Policy – Clean
Energy Rewards Program
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Leventhal and Praisner

AN ACT to:

- (1) authorize the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection to administer a program to provide financial incentives to buyers of certain types of electricity;
- (2) authorize the Director of Finance to make certain payments to buyers, or providers, of certain types of electricity after certification by the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection; and
- (3) generally establish a County program to reward buyers of electricity produced by clean renewable sources.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 18A, Energy Policy
Section 18A-11, Clean Energy Rewards Program

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Chapter 18A is amended by adding Section 18A-11:**

2 **18A-11. Clean Energy Rewards Program.**

- 3 (a) The Director of the Department of Environmental Protection must
4 establish a Clean Energy Rewards Program. The purpose of the
5 program is to provide financial and other incentives to consumers who
6 choose electricity produced by renewable and environmentally
7 preferable power sources.
- 8 (b) The Director must require each eligible person or supplier to submit an
9 application for any payment under this program, and may take any other
10 action necessary to administer this program. The Department of
11 Finance must take actions necessary to make any payments that the
12 Director of Environmental Protection has certified are due. The County
13 Executive must issue regulations under Method (1) to implement this
14 Section.
- 15 (c) The Executive must adopt program regulations that:
- 16 (1) identify the types of electricity that qualify for incentives under
17 the program;
- 18 (2) restrict or preclude the payment of incentives for purchase of
19 otherwise qualified electricity that a consumer or supplier is
20 required to buy or produce to meet certain federal or state
21 requirements;
- 22 (3) specify the process to apply for, certify, and receive an award;
23 and
- 24 (4) include any additional program criteria, standards, and
25 procedures that are consistent with the County's energy and
26 environmental policy, which among other things may restrict the
27 location or air shed where any qualified electricity is produced.

