

# County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2007 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

## Bill No. 9-2007

Introduced by Calvin Ball

AN ACT providing for a credit against the County property tax for certain devices that generate electricity under certain circumstances; providing for an application date for the credit and generally relating to property tax credits.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2007. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 at \_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 *Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*  
2 *Subsection (a) “Definitions” and Subsection (g) “Application for the Credit” of Section 20-*  
3 *128A “Qualifying energy conservation devices” of Part III “State-Authorized Howard*  
4 *County Tax Credits” of Subtitle 1 “Real Property Tax Administration, Credits and*  
5 *Enforcement” of Title 20 “Taxes, Charges, and Fees” of the Howard County Code be*  
6 *amended to read as follows:*

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8 **Title 20. Taxes, charges, and fees.**

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10 **Subtitle 1. Real Property Tax Administration, Credits and Enforcement.**

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12 **Part III. State-Authorized Howard County Tax Credits.**

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15 **Section 20.128A. Qualifying energy conservation devices.**

16 (a) Definitions.

17 (1) In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) Solar energy device means an energy conserving device that:

19 (i) Uses solar energy to heat or cool a [[structure or]] STRUCTURE, to  
20 provide hot water for use in the structure OR TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY TO BE  
21 USED IN THE STRUCTURE; and

22 (ii) Meets national safety and performance standards set by a nationally  
23 recognized testing laboratory for that kind of device.

24 (3) Geothermal energy device means an energy conserving device that:

25 (i) Uses geothermal energy to heat or cool a [[structure or]] STRUCTURE,  
26 to provide hot water for use in the structure OR TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY TO BE  
27 USED IN THE STRUCTURE; and

28 (ii) Meets national safety and performance standards set by a nationally  
29 recognized testing laboratory for that kind of device.

30 (g) Application for the Credit.

31 (1) An applicant for a tax credit under this section shall submit an application to the  
32 Director of Finance on or before [[April 1 prior to the taxable year for which the credit is  
33 sought]] THE DATE THAT THE DIRECTOR SETS.

34 (2) An application shall:

35 (i) Be on the form that the director requires;

- 1                   (ii)     Demonstrate that the taxpayer is entitled to the credit; and  
2                   (iii)     Include a certification from the department of inspections, licenses and  
3                   permits stating that the device for which the credit is sought:  
4                         1.       Is a solar energy device or a geothermal energy device; and  
5                         2.       Has been properly installed.

6                   ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,  
7 ***Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.***

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