

HOUSE BILL 904

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By: **Delegate Moon**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Planning – Study on Solar Energy Project Sites**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Planning, in consultation with the
4 Maryland Energy Administration, to conduct a study to identify and evaluate land
5 owned by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the siting of
6 new solar energy projects; and generally relating to a study on the siting of solar
7 energy projects.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) The Department of Planning, in consultation with the Maryland Energy
11 Administration, shall conduct a study to identify and evaluate land owned by the
12 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the siting of new solar energy
13 projects.

14 (b) The study shall include:

15 (1) development of criteria to be used to assess and compare the suitability
16 of sites for new solar projects; and

17 (2) an assessment of the feasibility of using lease agreements for solar
18 energy projects on land owned by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
19 Services.

20 (c) On or before October 1, 2027, the Department of Planning shall report its
21 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the
22 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

