

HB0678/773021/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 678
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Purposes**” insert “– **Study and Report**”; in line 3, strike “providing an exemption” and substitute “requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with certain entities, to study and report to the General Assembly, on or before a certain date, on exempting”; in the same line, strike “for the sale of”; in line 5, strike “a” and substitute “the”; in the same line, strike “exemption for agricultural purposes”; and strike in their entirety lines 6 through 10, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 12, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 12, insert:

“(a) On or before December 15, 2023, the Office of the Comptroller, in consultation with the Public Service Commission and PJM Interconnection, LLC, shall study and report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on exempting electricity from the sales and use tax if that electricity is purchased by a farmer to:

- (1) raise livestock or poultry;
- (2) prepare, irrigate, or tend the soil; or
- (3) plant, service, harvest, store, clean, dry, or transport seeds or crops.

(b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include an estimate of the fiscal impact of an exemption described under subsection (a) of this section.

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(c) On request of the Office of the Comptroller, an electric company, as defined under § 1–101 Public Utilities Article, shall provide aggregate usage and billing information that the Office of the Comptroller determines to be necessary to prepare the report required under subsection (a) of this section.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 1 through line 19 on page 2, inclusive.