



**HB1008 Maryland Energy Administration - Electric Bicycle Rebate Program -
Establishment
House Economic Matters Committee
March 9, 2023**

Position: Favorable

Background: HB1008 would establish a rebate program for certain customers for the purchase of an electric bicycle.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) is supportive of the rebate program proposed in HB1008. A rebate program to offset the cost of purchasing electric bicycles would benefit both businesses that sell these bicycles and businesses that seek to purchase them for their own operations. Electric bicycles are an affordable transportation option for individuals who choose not to use or may not be able to afford a car or other large vehicle, and their expanded use would have a positive impact on traffic congestion, fossil fuel use, and emission rates. A business's ability to use these bikes for deliveries and other transportation needs could decrease operational costs and attract employees who cannot supply their own vehicle for these duties. Efforts to incentivize the purchase and use of these bicycles should be encouraged for the positive effect they would have on Maryland's communities and businesses.

MRA would urge a favorable vote on HB1008. Thank you for your consideration.