

Amendment 11 to Council Bill No. 5-2023

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(This Amendment makes the County Executive responsible for the required report.)

1 On the title page, in line 1 of the purpose paragraph, strike “Department of Inspections, Licenses,
2 and Permits” and substitute “County Executive”.

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4 On the title page, in line 3 of the purpose paragraph, strike “Department” and substitute “County
5 Executive”.

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7 Strike beginning on page 3 line 5 through line 9 on page 4, and substitute the following:

8 “THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL ISSUE A REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON:”

9 (1) RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODE NECESSARY TO
10 ENACT ALL-ELECTRIC BUILDING STANDARDS FOR ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION,
11 MAJOR RENOVATIONS, AND ADDITIONS;

12 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SPECIFY THE CHANGES THAT WOULD BE NEEDED IN
13 THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS;

15 (3) AN EVALUATION OF:

16 (I) EXEMPTIONS FOR PROJECTS IF THE APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING
17 PERMIT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,
18 LICENSES AND PERMITS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ALL-
19 ELECTRIC BUILDING STANDARDS; AND

20 (II) EXEMPTIONS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR RENOVATIONS, OR
21 ADDITIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS:

22 1. HOSPITALS;

23 2. MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES;

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- 3. CREMATORIES;
- 4. LIFE SCIENCES FACILITIES;
- 5. COMMERCIAL KITCHENS, RESTAURANTS, AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS;
- 6. BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES AND
- 7. FARMING AND AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES;
- (III) BUILDINGS TO THE EXTENT THAT SYSTEMS IN THE BUILDINGS INVOLVE EMERGENCY BACKUP EQUIPMENT;
- (IV) ELECTRIC POWER OR STEAM GENERATING UTILITIES REGULATED BY THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND
- (V) DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEMS OR COMBINED HEAT AND POWER FACILITIES.

(4) CONSIDERATIONS. TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE POSSIBLE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS SHALL BE FORMULATED TO REQUIRE THE WIDESPREAD UTILIZATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OF APPLIANCES AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, MINIMIZE ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION, AND PRIORITIZE A REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.”.

On page 4, line 12, strike “*the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits*” and substitute “*the County Executive*”.