

## **GOAT Noat for May: Environmental Victories in the Maryland Assembly**

- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act (GGRA) - Reauthorization (HB610/SB323)** - requires a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. **Governor Hogan signed into law.**
- **Clean Energy Jobs Act (HB 1106/SB 921)** - increases Maryland's clean electricity standard - wind and solar - to 25% by 2020 and creates a dedicated clean energy jobs and business development program. **Passed the General Assembly** by large margins. **Urge Governor Hogan to sign into law:** [org.salsalabs.com/o/423/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=19561](http://org.salsalabs.com/o/423/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=19561)
- **Pollinator Protection Act aka Pesticides or "Neonics" bill (HB211/SB198)** - requires a warning on plants that have been treated with neonicotinoids (neonics) and doesn't allow sale of these pesticides to consumers. Neonics have been confirmed to play a significant role in the alarming decline of bees and other pollinators. **Passed the General Assembly. Urge Governor Hogan to sign into law:** [sierra.force.com/actions/Maryland?actionId=AR0034950](http://sierra.force.com/actions/Maryland?actionId=AR0034950)

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