- (1) study the feasibility of setting energy savings targets in 2015 and 2020 for natural gas companies; and
- (2) after providing opportunity for public comment, report its findings, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

SECTION 3. 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

## CHAPTER 132

(House Bill 377)

AN ACT concerning

## Solar and Geothermal Tax Incentive and Grant Program

FOR the purpose of altering the grant amounts awarded under the Solar Energy Grant Program and the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; authorizing the Administration to adjust the grant amounts under the programs under certain circumstances; exempting from the sales and use tax a sale of certain geothermal equipment and solar energy equipment; exempting from the State and local property tax certain geothermal property and solar energy property; requiring that certain geothermal property be assessed at no more than a certain value; defining certain terms; repealing a certain State property tax exemption; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to State and local solar and geothermal energy incentives.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 9–2007 and 9–2008

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General Section 11–230