

# HOUSE BILL 1472

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Solar Panels on Commercial and Residential Structures –**  
3 **Prohibition on Limitation**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from limiting  
5 the installation of solar panels on the roofs of certain structures; and generally  
6 relating to the use of solar panels on commercial and residential roofs.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article – Land Use  
9 Section 10–104  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Land Use  
14 Section 10–202  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Land Use**

20 **10–104.**

21 **THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY NOT LIMIT**  
22 **INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL**  
23 **STRUCTURE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 10–202.

2 To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, the Mayor and  
3 City Council of Baltimore City may regulate:

- 4 (1) the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures;
- 5 (2) the percentage of a lot that may be occupied;
- 6 (3) off–street parking;
- 7 (4) the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces;
- 8 (5) population density; and
- 9 (6) the location and use of buildings, signs, structures, and land.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2020.