

# National Environmental Health Association

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## 2022 State Climate Change Enacted Legislation

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Over 4,200 bills listing climate change, greenhouse gas, or sequestration were introduced in the 50 state legislatures and Washington, DC. Of these, NEHA tracked 190 bills that had the most relevance to climate and health.

As of July 2022, 86 bills were enacted in 25 states and Washington, DC. California enacted the most bills with 19 bills enacted to date. Note, the

**CAS 7: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership.** Enacts the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act. Reenacts the former leadership act,

wildfire and the measures taken, or planned to be taken, by the corporation to reduce the need for and impact of future de-energization of circuits. Includes the estimated annual decline in circuit de-energization and its impact on customers, and replacing, hardening, or undergrounding any portion of the circuit or of upstream transmission or distribution lines.

**CA S 596: Greenhouse Gases: Cement Sector: Net-Zero Emissions Strategy.** Requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare, approve, and update at least once every 5 years a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from sources or categories of sources of greenhouse gases by 2020 under the act.

**CA A 642: Wildfires.** Requires the director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas in the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones. Modifies the factors the director is required to use to classify areas into fire hazard severity zones. Requires a local agency, within a specified number of days of receiving a transmittal from the director that identifies fire hazard severity zones, to make the information available for public comment. Imposes a state mandated local program. Requires the appointment of a cultural burning liaison.

**CA A 680: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Jobs Plan Act.** Enacts the Jobs Plan Act that would require the State Air Resources Board to work with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to update, by a specified date, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund guidelines for agencies administering funding to ensure that all applicants to grant programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund meet specified standards, including fair and responsible employer standards and inclusive procurement policies.

**CA A 758: Marks-Recy. Ind. Sbor. P. 7423.5 (07) 63:0 (95) 1506.8.4D9 (97) 255020.121e3 (X) (1) 2640) 4 12**

**[CA A 1261](#): State Air Resources Board: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** Requires the state board to establish specified processes to assist the state in achieving its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, including a process to identify any overlap among its incentive programs that share the same objectives and a process to define, collect, and evaluate data on the behavioral changes that result from each of its incentive programs. Requires the state board to use the information collected to refine the greenhouse gas emissions estimates for its incentive programs.

**[CA A 2101](#): California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry.** Relates to law that ~~rev~~ thw ths



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**IL H 3666**

**ME H 533: Establishment of the Maine Climate Corps.** Establishes a study of the establishment of the Maine Climate Corps. Provides that the Maine Commission for Community Service shall study and identify short-term projects and tasks in state agencies that could be made into service projects for residents of the state.

**ME H 693: Carbon Storage Programs and Policies.** Directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to jointly develop recommendations regarding carbon storage programs and policies.

**ME H 1159: Climate Change Transition Assistance.** Provides that funds in the Efficiency Maine Trust Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund shall be expended for specified purposes, including to establish an industrial climate transition initiative to develop and support climate change mitigation strategies designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at industrial facilities in the state.

**ME H 1169: Impact of Sea Level Rise.** Requires specified departments to review the laws and rules they are charged with administering and submit recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by specified dates necessaryint Ndryinmfisin.3 C3 (n)-0. 7 (n.3 74.9 0-3 (n.3)2.2 (e)-3 8

requirements for certain buildings, 4) requiring electric companies to increase their annual incremental gross energy savings, 5) establishing certain zero emission vehicle requirements for the state fleet, and 6) establishing an electric school bus pilot program, along with other actions.

**[MD H 740: State Retirement and Pension System Investment to Address Climate Risk.](#)** Requires a fiduciary of the State Retirement and Pension System to consider certain climate risks on the assets of the several systems to ensure a long-term sustainable portfolio. Requires a climate risk assessment to include certain actions to determine the level of climate risk in the investment portfolio of the several systems. Requires the chief investment officer for the State Retirement and Pension System to review and manage investments of the several systems based on the climate risk assessment.

## Massachusetts

**[MA S 9: Next-Generation Roadmap.](#)** Creates a next-generation roadmap for the state's climate policy.

## Minnesota

**[MN H 164: Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of 2021.](#)** Relates to energy and establishes the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of 2021.

**[MN S 1047: Electric Cogeneration Activities.](#)** Relates to energy and authorizes a power purchase agreement for certain electric cogeneration activities.

## Mississippi

**[MS H 1214: Carbon Dioxide Geologic Sequestration.](#)** Revises the legislative findings regarding geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide and revises the definition of reservoir. Clarifies the state Oil and Gas Board's authority when entering an order approving a geologic sequestration facility and provides for a method for the board to enter a preliminary technical order approving any proposed geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide when a majority interest has not consented.

## Nebraska

**[NE L 650: Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act.](#)** Adopts the State Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act, creates funds, and provides penalties.

## New Hampshire

**[NH S 131: Omnibus Legislation Relative To Vehicles.](#)** Adopts legislation relative to electric vehicle supply



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## Tennessee

**[TNS 1959](#): Natural Gas Innovation Act.** Authorizes a public utility to request, and the Tennessee public utilities commission to authorize, a mechanism to recover the costs related to the use or development of infrastructure to facilitate use of i

