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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on climate change laws in effect January 1, 1970 through August 31, 2010. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to climate change, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of climate change law in the state.

Title	Citation	Description
Sustainable Forestry Act of 2009	MD. ENVTL. CODE ANN. § 5-102	Recognizes the value of forests for, among other things, their ability to sequester carbon to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions (2009)	MD. ENVTL. CODE ANN. § 2-1201-1211	Statewide plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including conducting a statewide greenhouse gas inventory and the adoption of a emissions reduction plan.
Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund (2009)	MD. CODE ANN., STATE GOV'T § 9-20B-05	Use of fund can be used for the promotion, development, and implementation for climate change programs to mitigate the effects of climate change.
Permissible emissions (2008)	MD. CODE ANN., ENVIR. § 2-1002	Sets permissible amounts allowed to be emitted of greenhouse gases and when the emission levels have to be met.
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative		Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont joined together to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Goal is to reduce emissions through development of a cap-and-trade program.

