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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Industry Restructuring - Weatherization - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of defining weatherization for certain purposes to mean the use of
4 certain energy efficiency measures to reduce consumption or costs and conserve
5 electricity for low-income electric customers; and generally relating to
6 weatherization.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Public Utility Companies
9 Section 7-501(r)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article - Public Utility Companies
14 Section 7-512.1(a)(5) and (c)(3)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

20 7-501.

21 (R) (1) "WEATHERIZATION" MEANS THE USE OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY
22 MEASURE THAT REDUCES OR MANAGES ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION OR COSTS AND
23 INCREASES CONSERVATION OF ELECTRICITY FOR A LOW-INCOME RETAIL ELECTRIC
24 CUSTOMER.

25 (2) "WEATHERIZATION" INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF:

26 (I) A MATERIAL OR A DEVICE THAT REDUCES THE LOSS OF
27 ELECTRICALLY HEATED OR COOLED AIR WITHIN A STRUCTURE;

1 (II) AN ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCE OR EQUIPMENT THAT
2 REDUCES ELECTRICITY USE; AND

3 (III) ANY OTHER MEASURE THAT RESULTS IN A COST-EFFECTIVE
4 REDUCTION OF ELECTRICITY USAGE.

5 7-512.1.

6 (a) (5) The components of the universal service program shall include:

7 (i) bill assistance, at a minimum of 50% of the determined need;

8 (ii) low-income weatherization; and

9 (iii) the retirement of arrearages that were incurred prior to the
10 initial implementation date.

11 (c) On or before December 1, 1999, and on an annual basis thereafter, the
12 Commission shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
13 General Assembly on the universal service program, including:

14 (3) for low-income weatherization, the amount of funds needed, as
15 determined by the Commission, for measures that reduce consumption of energy by
16 electric customers with annual incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level
17 and the basis for this determination;

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2001.