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House Bill 1354 (Delegate Cane, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Electric Industry Restructuring - Weatherization - Definition

This bill defines “weatherization,” for the purpose of electric utility restructuring, as the use of an energy efficiency measure that reduces or manages electricity consumption or costs and increases conservation of electricity for a low-income retail electric customer. Weatherization includes installing insulation, energy efficient appliances, or any other measure that results in a cost-effective reduction of electricity usage.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill’s requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Public Service Commission operates a universal service program that assists electrical customers with incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. Part of the services the program offers is weatherization, but weatherization is not defined in statute.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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