

# SENATE BILL 179

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(11r0148)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Economic Matters —

Introduced by **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Klausmeier, Astle, Garagiola, and Rosapepe**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – ~~Demand-Response~~ Pilot Program for Charging Electric**  
3 **Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to establish by a certain  
5 date a ~~demand-response~~ pilot program for charging electric vehicles; authorizing  
6 an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the  
7 pilot program to include certain incentives for certain purposes; requiring a  
8 certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date;  
9 providing that this Act does not limit the authority of the Commission to receive,  
10 consider, and approve certain pilot programs in advance of a certain date;  
11 requiring the Commission to consider and act upon certain proposals in a certain  
12 manner; and generally relating to a ~~demand-response~~ pilot program for  
13 charging electric vehicles.

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



BY adding to  
Article – Public Utilities  
Section 7–211(m)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Public Utilities**

7–211.

**(M) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2013, BY REGULATION OR ORDER,  
THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A ~~DEMAND-RESPONSE~~ PILOT PROGRAM  
FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS TO RECHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES DURING  
OFF-PEAK HOURS.**

**(2) (I) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO  
INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(3) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE INCENTIVES FOR  
RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL CUSTOMERS TO RECHARGE  
ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN A MANNER THAT WILL:**

**(I) INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY OF THE  
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND**

**(II) LOWER ELECTRICITY USE AT TIMES OF HIGH DEMAND.**

**(4) INCENTIVES MAY INCLUDE:**

**(I) TIME-OF-DAY PRICING OF ELECTRICITY;**

**(II) CREDITS ON DISTRIBUTION CHARGES;**

**(III) REBATES ON THE COST OF CHARGING SYSTEMS; ~~OR~~**

**(IV) DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS; OR**

**(V) OTHER INCENTIVES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.**

(5) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2015, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) Section 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, does not limit the authority of the Public Service Commission to receive, consider, and approve proposals for a pilot program for electric customers to recharge electric vehicles during off-peak hours in advance of the date by which the Public Service Commission is required to act in accordance with § 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) the Public Service Commission shall promptly consider and act upon each proposal for a pilot program for electric customers to recharge electric vehicles during off-peak hours that is submitted under § 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.