

HOUSE BILL 1509

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By: **Delegate Mizeur**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Disparity Study – Contracts and Subcontracts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to contract with an
4 independent consultant to complete a certain disparity study; requiring the
5 Commission to submit the results of the study to certain entities on or before a
6 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
7 a disparity study regarding the awarding of contracts and subcontracts by the
8 Public Service Commission or public service companies that are subject to
9 regulation by the Public Service Commission.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) The Public Service Commission shall contract with an independent
13 consultant to complete a disparity study to determine whether there are patterns of
14 discrimination regarding the awarding of contracts and subcontracts by the
15 Commission or public service companies, as defined in § 1–101 of the Public Utilities
16 Article, that are subject to regulation by the Commission.

17 (b) On or before December 31, 2013, the Public Service Commission shall
18 submit the results of the study required under subsection (a) of this section to the
19 Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
20 Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
23 end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
24 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

