

HB1159/503590/2

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1159
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Prioritized” and substitute “Special Medical Needs”; in line 7, strike “an” and substitute “each”; in the same line, after “certain” insert “special medical needs”; in line 8, after “date” insert “each year and to post the list on the Department’s Web site; requiring the Secretary to establish a procedure for a certain facility to remove its information from the list”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through “date;” in line 9; in line 10, after “information” insert “as part of a certain report”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 11 down through “company;” in line 18; in line 21, after “term;” insert “requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; and in line 21, after “service” insert “and special medical needs facilities”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, in lines 1, 23, and 28, in each instance, strike “**PRIORITIZED**” and substitute “**SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS**”; strike beginning with “**SECRETARY**” in line 12 down through “**RESIDENTS**” in line 14 and substitute “**COMMISSION DESIGNATES IN REGULATION AS A SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITY**”; in lines 17 and 18, strike “**A PRIORITIZED FACILITY**” and substitute “**SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITIES**”; in line 19, strike “**SIMPLIFIED**” and substitute “**RELIABLE**”; in lines 19 and 20, strike “**A PRIORITIZED FACILITY**” and substitute “**SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITIES**”; in line 21, strike “**ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE**” and substitute “**THE**”; in line 22, after “**SHALL**” insert “**;**”

(1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR,;

and in line 24, after “**TERRITORY**” insert “**;**”

(Over)

(2) POST THE LIST REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON THE WEB SITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; AND

(3) ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO ALLOW A SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITY TO REMOVE ITS INFORMATION FROM THE LIST ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION”;

and strike beginning with the colon in line 26 down through “AND” in line 29.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, in line 1, strike “(2)”; strike beginning with “AN” in line 1 down through “INTERRUPTIONS” in line 7 and substitute “AS PART OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY’S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT UNDER § 7-213(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(I) A LIST OF SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITIES THAT ARE SERVED BY PROTECTIVE DEVICES THAT ACTIVATED FIVE OR MORE TIMES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, RESULTING IN A POWER OUTAGE;

(II) A LIST OF SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITIES THAT EXPERIENCED A SERVICE INTERRUPTION THAT:

1. EXCEEDED 4 CONSECUTIVE HOURS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; AND

2. WAS REPORTED TO OR WAS OTHERWISE KNOWN TO THE ELECTRIC COMPANY;

(III) A LIST OF SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FACILITIES THAT ARE SERVED BY THE 3% OF FEEDERS ASSIGNED TO AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY IN THE STATE THAT ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY AS HAVING THE POOREST RELIABILITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; AND

(IV) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE IN ASSESSING AND ACTING TO REMEDIATE, AND FUTURE PLANS AND PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE, THE RELIABILITY OF FEEDERS AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES IDENTIFIED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 7 through line 10 on page 8, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 11, strike "(G)" and substitute "(E)".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 8, after line 13, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2013, the Public Service Commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup the Commission ordered under Order No. 85385 in Case No. 9298 to investigate ways to improve communications associated with special medical needs customers. The charge of the workgroup shall be broadened to include:

(1) recommendations on how to more effectively respond to electricity outages that affect special medical needs facilities and individuals with special medical needs;

(2) recommendations on requiring annual performance reports under § 7-213(g) of the Public Utilities Article to include data concerning specific service interruptions and actions to prevent future service interruptions related to special medical needs facilities;

(3) recommendations on how the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene could address problems caused by outages at its regulated facilities that are not addressed through the use of backup generators; and

(4) identification of other types of facilities, if any, that should be included as special medical needs facilities.”;

and in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.