

# HOUSE BILL 1480

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity – Smart Meter Installation Charges – Residential Rental Property**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an electric company from charging a certain tenant for  
4 the installation of a smart meter on certain residential rental property; defining  
5 a certain term; and generally relating to electricity service and smart meters.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Public Utilities

8 Section 7–302.1

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Utilities**

14 **7–302.1.**

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “SMART METER” MEANS A DIGITAL METER THAT  
16 ALLOWS TWO–WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AN ELECTRIC CUSTOMER’S  
17 PREMISES AND AN ELECTRIC COMPANY THROUGH A WIRELESS NETWORK.

18 (B) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT CHARGE A TENANT FOR THE  
19 INSTALLATION OF A SMART METER ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY  
20 LEASED BY THE TENANT.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 2014.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

