

HOUSE BILL 1481

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 24, 2014

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity – Smart Meter Installation – Consent Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an electric company from installing a smart meter on
4 the exterior of a certain building without the written consent of a certain
5 person; defining a certain term; and generally relating to electricity service and
6 smart meters.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 7–302.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Utilities**

15 **7–302.1.**

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

19 **(B) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT INSTALL A SMART METER ON THE**
20 **EXTERIOR OF ANY BUILDING WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF:**

21 **(1) THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING; OR**

22 **(2) IF THE BUILDING IS RENTED, THE TENANT OF THE BUILDING.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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