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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Electric Companies - Vegetation Management - Local Law, Rule, or Regulation
3	FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against a county or municipal corporation
4	taking certain actions that interfere with, or materially increase costs of, compliance
5	with certain vegetation management standards; and generally relating to vegetation
6	management.
7	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8	Article – Public Utilities
9	Section 7–213(a), (c), and (d)
10	Annotated Code of Maryland
11	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13	Article – Public Utilities
14	Section 7–213(e)
15	Annotated Code of Maryland
16	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article - Public Utilities

In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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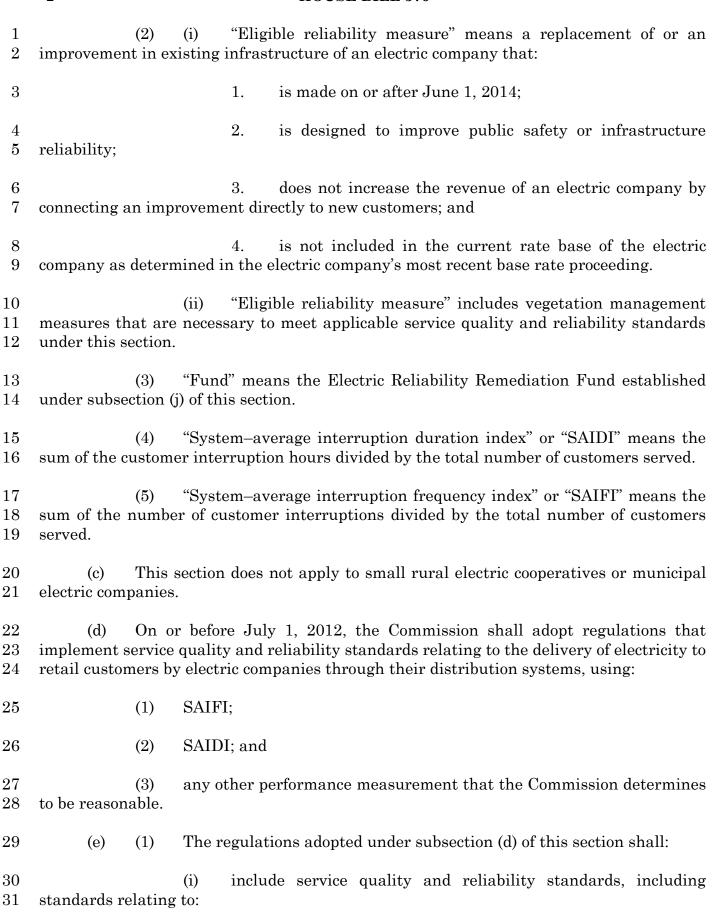
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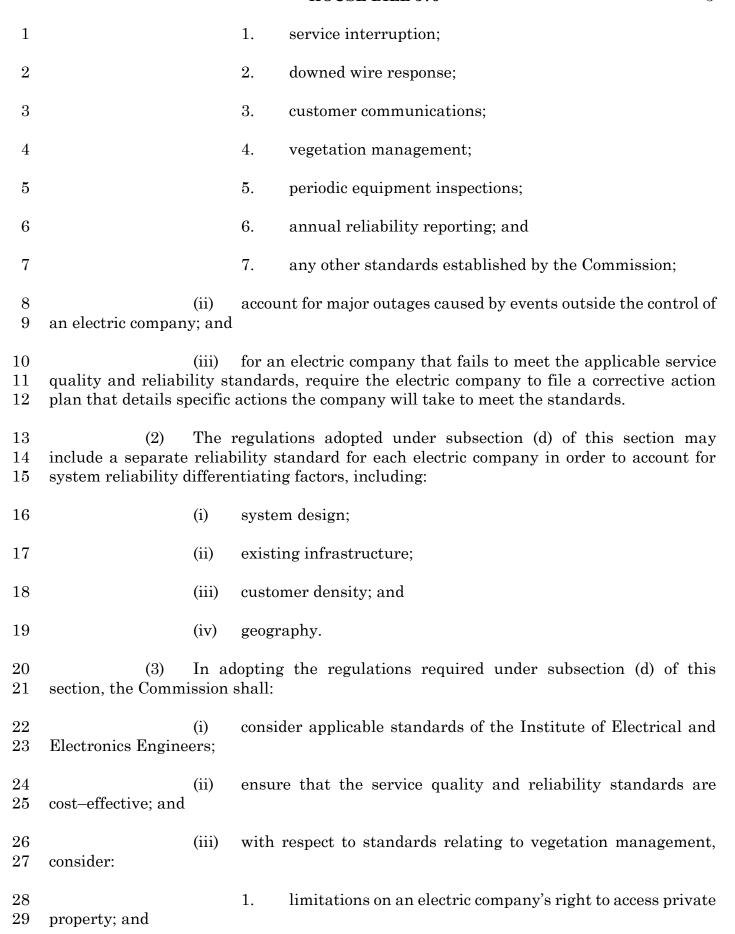
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1		2.	customer	acceptance	of	vegetation	management
2	initiatives.						

- [(4) A county or municipal corporation may not adopt or enforce a local law, rule, or regulation or take any other action that interferes with, or materially increases the cost of the work of an electric company toward, compliance with the vegetation management standards adopted under subsection (d) of this section.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 8 October 1, 2015.