A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Out–of–State Carbon Pollution Program – Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to study and make recommendations about establishing a program to address carbon pollution attributed to electricity generated out–of–state but consumed within the State; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding establishing the program; requiring that the Commission solicit input from certain entities and organizations; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to out–of–state carbon pollution.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That:

(a) The Public Service Commission shall study and make recommendations about establishing a program to address carbon pollution attributed to electricity generated out–of–state but consumed within the State.

(b) In conducting the study and making the recommendations, the Commission shall:

(1) evaluate the technical feasibility of implementing the program;

(2) analyze the net economic, health, and environmental impact of the program;

(3) determine the manner in which the program should be implemented; and

(4) solicit input from appropriate interested parties, including:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(i) industry representatives;

(ii) government agencies;

(iii) PJM Interconnection representatives; and

(iv) relevant public organizations.

(c) On or before December 31, 2017, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.