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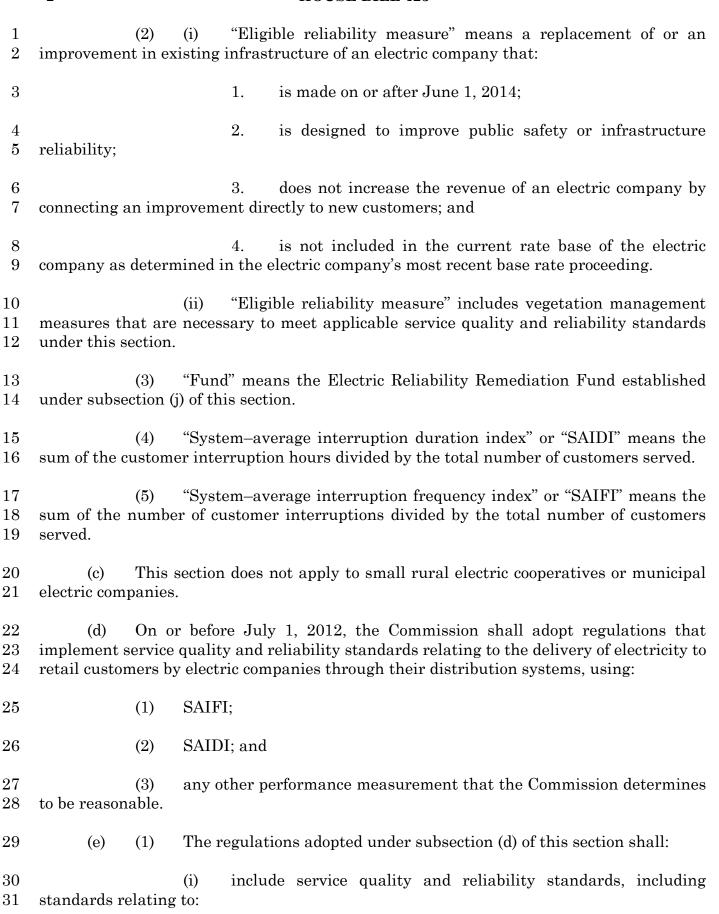
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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning									
2 3	Electric Companies – Vegetation Management – Notice to Municipal Corporations									
$4\\5\\6\\7$	management, to provide notice of the proposed vegetation management to the municipal corporation where the vegetation management will be performed; and									
8	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,									
9	Article – Public Utilities									
10	Section 7–213(a), (c), and (d)									
11	Annotated Code of Maryland									
12	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)									
13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,									
14	Article – Public Utilities									
15	Section 7–213(e)									
16	Annotated Code of Maryland									
17	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)									
18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,									
19	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:									
20	Article - Public Utilities									
21	7–213.									
22	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.									





1			1.	service interruption;				
2			2.	downed wire response;				
3			3.	customer communications;				
4			4.	vegetation management;				
5			5.	periodic equipment inspections;				
6			6.	annual reliability reporting; and				
7			7.	any other standards established by the Commission;				
8	an electric compan	(ii) y; and	accou	nt for major outages caused by events outside the control of				
10 11 12		•	andard	electric company that fails to meet the applicable service ls, require the electric company to file a corrective action s the company will take to meet the standards.				
13 14 15	(2) The regulations adopted under subsection (d) of this section may include a separate reliability standard for each electric company in order to account for system reliability differentiating factors, including:							
16		(i)	syster	n design;				
17		(ii)	existi	ng infrastructure;				
18		(iii)	custor	mer density; and				
19		(iv)	geogra	aphy.				
20 21	(3) In adopting the regulations required under subsection (d) of th section, the Commission shall:							
22 23	Electronics Engine	(i) ers;	consid	ler applicable standards of the Institute of Electrical and				
24 25	cost–effective; and	(ii)	ensur	e that the service quality and reliability standards are				
26 27	consider:	(iii)	with 1	respect to standards relating to vegetation management,				
28 29	property; and		1.	limitations on an electric company's right to access private				

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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.
- 7 (5) BEFORE PERFORMING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WITHIN A
 8 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
 9 STANDARDS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN ELECTRIC
 10 COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
 11 TO THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.