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By: **Senator Collins**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies - Separation of Regulated and Nonregulated Businesses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to require functional,  
4 operational, structural, and legal separation of the regulated businesses and  
5 nonregulated businesses or affiliates of an electric company on and after a  
6 certain date.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Public Utility Companies  
9 Section 7-505(b)(10)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Volume and 2000 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 Utility Companies**

15 7-505.

16 (b) (10) (i) On or before July 1, 2000, the Commission shall issue orders or  
17 adopt regulations reasonably designed to ensure the creation of competitive electricity  
18 supply and electricity supply services markets, with appropriate customer  
19 safeguards.

20 (ii) On or before July 1, 2000, the Commission shall require:

21 1. an appropriate code of conduct between the electric  
22 company and an affiliate providing electricity supply and electricity supply services in  
23 the State;

24 2. access by electricity suppliers and customers to the electric  
25 company's transmission and distribution system on a nondiscriminatory basis;

26 3. appropriate complaint and enforcement procedures; and

1                                     4.           any other safeguards deemed necessary by the  
2 Commission to ensure the creation and maintenance of a competitive electricity  
3 supply and electricity supply services market.

4                                     (iii)       On or before July 1, [2000] 2001, the Commission shall require,  
5 among other factors, functional, operational, structural, [or] AND legal separation  
6 between the electric company's regulated businesses and its nonregulated businesses  
7 or nonregulated affiliates.

8       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 July 1, 2001.