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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration - Home Energy Rating Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a person to apply to the Maryland Energy  
4 Administration for a certain home energy rating certificate; requiring the  
5 Administration to provide a certain certificate under certain circumstances;  
6 requiring the Administration to establish certain guidelines and standards for  
7 home energy rating providers; authorizing the Administration to charge a  
8 certain fee; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to home  
9 energy rating certificates.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - State Government

12 Section 9-2006

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - State Government**

18 9-2006.

19 (A) A PERSON MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A HOME ENERGY  
20 RATING CERTIFICATE PROVIDING A STANDARDIZED EVALUATION OF A HOME'S  
21 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND EXPECTED ENERGY COSTS.

22 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

23 (1) PROVIDE A HOME ENERGY RATING CERTIFICATE TO AN APPLICANT  
24 WHO SUBMITS EVIDENCE OF A HOME ENERGY RATING FROM A QUALIFIED  
25 PROVIDER;

26 (2) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES WHICH A PROVIDER MAY FOLLOW TO  
27 PRODUCE UNIFORM HOME ENERGY RATINGS; AND

1                   (3)       ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR QUALIFYING HOME ENERGY RATING  
2 PROVIDERS.

3       (C)       THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE TO ANY  
4 APPLICANT FOR A HOME ENERGY RATING CERTIFICATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
5 SECTION.

6       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 January 1, 2003.