

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1562  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “purposes;” insert “requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study and report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 4, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Public Service Commission shall study the implications of expanding the definition of “eligible subscriber” under § 8-201(a)(2) of the Public Utility Companies Article as enacted by this Act to include individuals who:

(1) do not receive the specified assistance or benefits to be eligible for a telephone lifeline service; and

(2) reside in subsidized housing where residential local exchange access line service, residential local untimed messages, and other associated telephone services are included as part of the individuals’ rent payments.

(b) On or before December 31, 2006, the Public Service Commission shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.”;

and in line 5, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.