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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity Suppliers - Customers - Contact Information and Electricity**
 3 **Usage Data**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an ~~electricity supplier~~ electric company, on written
 5 request of ~~another~~ a certain electricity supplier, to give to the requesting
 6 electricity supplier certain contact information and electricity usage data of
 7 certain customers; requiring an electric company to provide a certain notice
 8 prior to providing certain information; requiring the notice to provide the
 9 customers of the electric company with the right to object to having the
 10 information provided to electricity suppliers; requiring the notice to include
 11 certain instructions for customers to report their objections; prohibiting, under
 12 certain circumstances, an electric company from providing certain information if
 13 a customer reports a certain objection; requiring the Public Service Commission
 14 to adopt certain regulations or issue a certain order; defining certain terms; and
 15 generally relating to the release of contact information and electricity usage
 16 data of certain ~~electricity customers by an electricity supplier to another electric~~
 17 customers by an electric company to an electricity supplier.

18 BY adding to

19 Article - Public Utility Companies

20 Section ~~7-106~~ 7-506.1

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

1 Article - Public Utility Companies

2 ~~7-106.~~

3 ~~ON WRITTEN REQUEST OF ANY ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER TO ANOTHER~~
4 ~~ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER, THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER TO WHICH THE REQUEST IS~~
5 ~~MADE SHALL GIVE TO THE REQUESTING ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER:~~

6 (1) ~~CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH CUSTOMER; AND~~7 (2) ~~THE ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA OF EACH CUSTOMER FOR THE~~
8 ~~PRECEDING YEAR.~~9 7-506.1.10 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
11 INDICATED.12 (2) "CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION" MEANS A CUSTOMER'S:13 (I) SERVICE AND BILLING ADDRESS; AND14 (II) ELECTRIC COMPANY ACCOUNT NUMBER.15 (3) "ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA" MEANS GENERIC CUSTOMER LOAD
16 PATTERN INFORMATION FOR THE PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD.17 (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, UPON A WRITTEN REQUEST BY AN
18 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER LICENSED IN THE STATE, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL
19 PROVIDE CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION AND ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA OF
20 THE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS LOCATED IN THE
21 ELECTRIC COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY.22 (C) (1) PRIOR TO PROVIDING CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION AND
23 ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA OF CUSTOMERS, THE ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL
24 PROVIDE CUSTOMERS CLEAR WRITTEN NOTICE IN BILLING STATEMENTS OR OTHER
25 COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CUSTOMERS' RIGHT TO OBJECT TO HAVE THEIR
26 CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION AND ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA PROVIDED TO
27 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS.28 (2) THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS TO
29 REPORT THEIR OBJECTION TO HAVING THEIR CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION
30 AND ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA PROVIDED TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS.31 (3) IF A CUSTOMER REPORTS AN OBJECTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
32 TO AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, THE ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT PROVIDE THE
33 CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION AND ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA OF THE
34 CUSTOMER UNLESS THE CUSTOMER AFFIRMATIVELY INDICATES THAT THE
35 CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION AND ELECTRICITY USAGE DATA OF THE
36 CUSTOMER MAY BE PROVIDED TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS.

1 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS OR ISSUE AN ORDER THAT
2 SPECIFIES:

3 (1) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE THAT IS TO BE
4 USED IN ANY NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS; AND

5 (2) THE FORMAT THAT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL USE TO
6 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION ON A UNIFORM, COMPARABLE, AND
7 NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2006.