
By: **Senator Middleton**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Restructuring - Advanced Electric Meters - Repeal of Competitive**
3 **Metering**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to issue an order or
5 adopt regulations establishing a certain schedule for the installation of
6 advanced electric meters by electric companies for residential customers in the
7 State; repealing the requirement that electric metering services become
8 competitive for certain customer classes by certain dates; altering the definition
9 of electricity supplier; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
10 advanced electric meters and repeal of competitive metering.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article - Public Utility Companies

13 Section 1-101(h)(1)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article - Public Utility Companies

18 Section 1-101(j)(1) and 7-511(a)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article - Public Utility Companies

23 Section 7-309

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Public Utility Companies

1-101.

(h) (1) "Electric company" means a person who physically transmits or distributes electricity in the State to a retail electric customer.

(j) (1) "Electricity supplier" means a person:

(i) who sells:

1. electricity;
2. electricity supply services; OR
3. competitive billing services; or
- [4. competitive metering services; or]

(ii) who purchases, brokers, arranges, or markets electricity or electricity supply services for sale to a retail electric customer.

7-309.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ADVANCED ELECTRIC METER" MEANS A MEASURING DEVICE THAT:

(1) GENERATES TIMELY DATA ON THE ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION BY A CUSTOMER; AND

(2) IS DESIGNED TO:

(I) ENABLE A CUSTOMER TO MONITOR THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY THAT THE CUSTOMER USES AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF DAY; AND

(II) ALLOW THE CUSTOMER TO MANAGE OR ADJUST THAT USE IN RESPONSE TO PRICE SIGNALS.

(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2006, BY ORDER OR REGULATIONS, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT ELECTRIC COMPANIES INSTALL IN A TIMELY MANNER ADVANCED ELECTRIC METERS FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE.

7-511.

(a) Except for electric cooperatives and municipal electric [utilities:

(1)] UTILITIES, competitive billing shall begin on July 1, 2000[;

(2) competitive metering for large customers shall begin on January 1, 2002; and

1 (3) competitive metering for all other customers shall begin on April 1,
2 2002, or earlier if requested by the electric company].

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2006.