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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Advanced Electric Meters - Residential Use**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations to
4 require electric companies to make advanced electric meters available to
5 residential customers by a certain date; requiring electric companies to limit
6 certain costs for advanced electric meters and certain installation and service
7 charges; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and
8 generally relating to advanced electric meters for residential use.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Public Utility Companies

11 Section 7-309

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

17 7-309.

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

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

22 (2) IS DESIGNED TO:

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

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

1 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2006, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT
2 REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO MAKE ADVANCED ELECTRIC
3 METERS AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE.

4 (2) ELECTRIC COMPANIES MAY NOT CHARGE A RESIDENTIAL
5 CUSTOMER MORE THAN:

6 (I) \$100 FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF AN ADVANCED
7 ELECTRIC METER, INCLUDING ANY INSTALLATION CHARGES; AND

8 (II) \$20 FOR ANY MONTHLY ADVANCED ELECTRIC METER SERVICE
9 CHARGES.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
11 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
12 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
13 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
14 the date it is enacted.