

HOUSE BILL 126

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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; limiting the charges that an electric
6 company may impose for certain costs for advanced electric meters and certain
7 installation and service charges; defining a certain term; and generally relating
8 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 2006 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
19 MEASURING DEVICE THAT:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **(2) IS DESIGNED TO:**

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

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

8 **(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2007, THE COMMISSION SHALL**
9 **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO MAKE ADVANCED**
10 **ELECTRIC METERS AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE.**

11 **(2) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT CHARGE A RESIDENTIAL**
12 **CUSTOMER MORE THAN:**

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

15 **(II) \$20 FOR ANY MONTHLY ADVANCED ELECTRIC METER**
16 **SERVICE CHARGES.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 June 1, 2007.