

HOUSE BILL 1238

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration – Standards for Televisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, on or before a
4 certain date, to adopt certain regulations concerning energy efficiency standards
5 and labeling standards for televisions sold in the State; requiring the
6 Administration, when adopting certain regulations, to consider adopting similar
7 standards to those that have been adopted in certain other states or are being
8 proposed in certain other states; defining certain terms; and generally relating
9 to energy efficiency and labeling standards for televisions sold in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Government

12 Section 9–2006.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **9–2006.1.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
20 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “ACTIVE USE” MEANS A TELEVISION IS CONNECTED TO A**
22 **POWER SOURCE AND PRODUCES SOUND AND A PICTURE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “DOWNLOAD ACQUISITION MODE” MEANS A TELEVISION:**

2 **(I) IS CONNECTED TO A POWER SOURCE;**

3 **(II) DOES NOT PRODUCE SOUND OR A PICTURE; AND**

4 **(III) IS DOWNLOADING CHANNEL LISTING INFORMATION, IS**
5 **MONITORING FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, OR IS OTHERWISE**
6 **COMMUNICATING THROUGH A NETWORK PROTOCOL.**

7 **(4) “STANDBY-PASSIVE MODE” MEANS A TELEVISION IS**
8 **CONNECTED TO A POWER SOURCE, DOES NOT PRODUCE SOUND OR A PICTURE,**
9 **BUT CAN BE SWITCHED INTO ANOTHER MODE WITH A REMOTE CONTROL UNIT**
10 **OR AN INTERNAL SIGNAL.**

11 **(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2010, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL**
12 **ADOPT REGULATIONS CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS AND**
13 **LABELING STANDARDS FOR TELEVISIONS SOLD IN THE STATE.**

14 **(C) THE REGULATIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ADOPTS UNDER**
15 **THIS SECTION SHALL:**

16 **(1) SET MAXIMUM POWER USAGES FOR TELEVISIONS FOR WHEN A**
17 **TELEVISION IS:**

18 **(I) IN A STANDBY-PASSIVE MODE; AND**

19 **(II) IN ACTIVE USE;**

20 **(2) REQUIRE THAT A TELEVISION SOLD IN THE STATE:**

21 **(I) CONTAINS CONTROLS THAT AUTOMATICALLY ADJUST**
22 **THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE TELEVISION BASED ON AMBIENT LIGHTING**
23 **CONDITIONS; OR**

24 **(II) CONTAINS A MENU THAT REQUIRES THE SELECTION OF**
25 **A DISPLAY MODE EACH TIME THE TELEVISION IS TURNED ON AFTER BEING**
26 **DISCONNECTED FROM LINE VOLTAGE;**

27 **(3) REQUIRE THAT A TELEVISION AUTOMATICALLY ENTERS A**
28 **STANDBY-PASSIVE MODE AFTER A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES WITHOUT SIGNAL**
29 **INPUT;**

1 (4) (I) REQUIRE THAT A TELEVISION SHALL ENTER A
2 STANDBY-PASSIVE MODE WHEN TURNED OFF; AND

3 (II) PERMIT A TELEVISION TO HAVE A METHOD BY WHICH
4 THE TELEVISION MAY ENTER OTHER STANDBY MODES, INCLUDING A DOWNLOAD
5 ACQUISITION MODE; AND

6 (5) REQUIRE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE AMOUNT OF
7 POWER CONSUMED BY A TELEVISION WHEN THE TELEVISION IS IN ACTIVE USE
8 TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL PACKAGES CONTAINING A
9 TELEVISION.

10 (D) WHEN ADOPTING REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE
11 ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSIDER ADOPTING SIMILAR STANDARDS TO THOSE
12 THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN OTHER STATES OR ARE BEING PROPOSED IN
13 OTHER STATES.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2009.