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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1372

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Hecht,” insert “Rosenberg.”; in the same line, strike “and Taylor” and substitute “Taylor, Carter, Hammen, Oaks, Barkley, Braveboy, Burns, King, Mathias, Minnick, and Vaughn”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “customer;” in line 5; in line 9, after the first “to” insert “comply with certain standards and to”; in line 17, after “Assembly” insert “each year”; in line 18, after “membership” insert “and duties”; in line 19, after “workgroup;” insert “requiring the workgroup to report to the Commission and certain committees by a certain date;”; strike beginning with the first comma in line 19 down through “on” in line 21 and substitute “to implement”; in line 21, after “recommendations” insert “by a certain date”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 21 down through “term;” in line 23; and strike in their entirety lines 25 through 29, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “with” and substitute “without”; and in line 3, strike “7-510(c)(3)” and substitute “7-504 and 7-505(a)(1)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 24, inclusive.

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 2 through line 13 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“7-504.

The General Assembly finds and declares that the purpose of this subtitle is to:

(1) establish customer choice of electricity supply and electricity supply services;

(Over)

- (2) create competitive retail electricity supply and electricity supply services markets;
- (3) deregulate the generation, supply, and pricing of electricity;
- (4) provide economic benefits for all customer classes; and
- (5) ensure compliance with federal and State environmental standards.

7-505.

(a) (1) In assessing and approving each electric company's restructuring plan, and overseeing the transition process and regulation of the restructured electric industry, the Commission shall provide that the transition to a competitive electricity supply and electricity supply services market shall be orderly, maintain electric system reliability, and ensure compliance with federal and State environmental regulations, be fair to customers, electric company investors, customers of municipal electric utilities, electric companies, and electricity suppliers, and provide economic benefits to all customer classes."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 17, after "SHALL" insert ":

(I);

in line 18, after "WEBSITE" insert "THAT COMPLIES WITH STANDARDS ISSUED UNDER § 508 OF THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973;"; in the same line, after "AND" insert:

“(II)”;

in line 26, strike “AND”; and after line 31, insert:

“4. THE CURRENT PRICE OF STANDARD OFFER SERVICE IN THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY; AND

5. THE CONTINUING ROLE OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IN DELIVERING ELECTRICITY TO A CUSTOMER THAT CHOOSES AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER;”.

On page 5, in line 10, strike “ZIP CODE” and substitute “SERVICE TERRITORY OR JURISDICTION”.

On page 6, in line 6, strike “AS PROVIDED UNDER” and substitute “IN ACCORDANCE WITH”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 13, strike “The” and substitute “On or before July 1, 2010, the”; strike beginning with “make” in line 14 down through “by” in line 16 and substitute “advise it on improvements to the Commission’s website information and presentation concerning customer choice as required by this Act, and on additional information and methods of consumer education that can effectively supplement the requirements of”; in line 17, strike “(1)”; in line 19, after “(i)” insert “the Attorney General or the Attorney General’s designee;

(ii) the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary’s designee;

(iii) the People’s Counsel or the People’s Counsel’s designee;

(iv)”;

(Over)

in line 21, strike “(ii)” and substitute “(v) the staff of the Commission;

(vi)”;

in line 22, strike “(iii)” and substitute “(vii) at least”; in line 24, after “Association” insert “;

(ix) a website design specialist;

(x) an educational production and publication consultant”;

in lines 24, and 26, strike “(iv)”, and “(v)”, respectively, and substitute “(viii)”, and “(xi)”, respectively; in line 26, strike “a representative” and substitute “representatives”; in the same line, after “of” insert “residential and small commercial”; after line 26, insert:

“(c) The workgroup shall:

(1) study issues relating to:

(i) development and improvement of materials concerning customer choice on the Commission’s website; and

(iii) options and recommendations for development of a customer education program by public units and private entities that will provide pertinent factual information to the public on the availability of customer choice, especially to customer classes that largely rely on standard offer service and to groups that may not adequately be able to rely on website-based sources of information on customer choice such as senior citizens and individuals with certain disabilities, and additional questions and issues that switching to or among competitive suppliers may present;

(2) develop recommendations for implementing suggested changes, new materials, and public outreach, including as appropriate a schedule for developing, funding, and deploying customer education and materials on customer choice; and

(3) on or before December 31, 2010, report its recommendations to the Commission and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.”;

in line 27, strike “(2)” and substitute “(d)”; in the same line, strike “December 1, 2010” and substitute “March 31, 2011”; and strike beginning with “establish” in line 27 down through “on” in line 28 and substitute “implement”; and strike in their entirety lines 30 through 33, inclusive.

On page 7, in line 1, strike “4.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 2, strike “July” and substitute “June”.