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By: **Delegates Barkley, Boteler, Burns, Harrison, Hershey, Impallaria, Minnick, Schulz, and Vaughn**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies and Electric Cooperatives – Standard Offer Service –**
3 **Service Rights Auctions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to study and make
5 recommendations about the advisability of conducting certain auctions related
6 to the right of certain electric companies and electric cooperatives to provide
7 electric service to customers using standard offer service in certain service
8 territories and the manner in which the auctions should be conducted, including
9 certain items; requiring the Commission to report certain recommendations by
10 a certain date to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic
11 Matters Committee; defining a certain term; and generally relating to standard
12 offer service.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) (1) The Public Service Commission shall study and make
16 recommendations about:

17 (i) the advisability of:

18 ~~the~~ establishing an auction among retail electric
19 companies for the right to provide electric service to electric customers using standard
20 offer service in the current service territories of the Potomac Electric Power Company

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(Pepco), Allegheny Power, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), or Delmarva Power and Light Company; and

~~2. A. allowing electric cooperatives to participate in an auction under item (i) 1 of this paragraph; or~~

~~B. establishing an auction among electric cooperatives for the right to provide electric service to electric customers using standard offer service in the current service territory of an electric cooperative in the State; and~~

(ii) the manner in which an auction under item (i) of this paragraph should be conducted, including:

1. provisions relating to low-income customers;
2. the frequency and time frame for auctions;
3. procedures governing auctions; ~~and~~
4. the disposition of proceeds from auctions to benefit residential electric customers; and

5. limiting the electric customers to which an auction applies to only those electric customers who have elected to be included in the auction.

(2) In making the recommendations required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commission shall consider the best interests of electric customers relating to the cost and reliability of electric service.

(b) On or before December 31, 2012, the Commission shall report its recommendations under subsection (a) of this section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.