

SENATE BILL 638

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity Market – Goal of the State – Best Possible Price for Ratepayers**
3 **Through Reregulation**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that, on and after a certain date, the goal of the State is
5 to return as soon as possible to a regulated electricity market for certain
6 customer classes that results in a reliable electricity system at the best possible
7 price for certain ratepayers; providing that the purpose of a certain current
8 statute that establishes customer choice, competitive retail electricity markets,
9 and deregulation of generation of electricity remains in effect until a certain
10 other date; requiring the Public Service Commission to develop a certain
11 transition plan; and generally relating to the goal of the State to return to a
12 regulated electricity market for certain customers.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Public Utilities
15 Section 7–504
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Public Utilities**

21 7–504.

22 **(A) [The] UNTIL THE END OF JUNE 30, 2012, THE** General Assembly finds
23 and declares that the purpose of this subtitle is to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

9 **(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT, ON AND**
10 **AFTER JULY 1, 2012, IT IS THE GOAL OF THE STATE TO RETURN AS SOON AS**
11 **POSSIBLE TO A REGULATED ELECTRICITY MARKET FOR THE RESIDENTIAL AND**
12 **SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER CLASSES THAT RESULTS IN A RELIABLE**
13 **ELECTRICITY SYSTEM AT THE BEST POSSIBLE PRICE FOR THOSE RATEPAYERS.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public Service
15 Commission shall develop a transition plan to meet the goal stated under § 7-504(b) of
16 the Public Utilities Article as enacted by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 2012.