

# HOUSE BILL 1484

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity – Exterior Smart Meters – Replacement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain electric customer to request the removal of a  
4 certain smart meter and the reinstallation of an analog meter at the electric  
5 customer's premises in a certain manner and within a certain timeframe;  
6 requiring an electric company to take certain actions on receipt of a certain  
7 request; making this Act applicable only to certain smart meters; providing for  
8 the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
9 electricity service and smart meters.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Utilities

12 Section 7–302.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Utilities**

18 **7–302.1.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SMART METER” MEANS A DIGITAL METER THAT**  
20 **ALLOWS TWO–WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AN ELECTRIC CUSTOMER’S**  
21 **PREMISES AND AN ELECTRIC COMPANY THROUGH A WIRELESS NETWORK.**

22 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A SMART METER INSTALLED ON**  
23 **THE EXTERIOR OF AN ELECTRIC CUSTOMER’S PREMISES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) (1) ANY TIME WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER AN ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
2 **INSTALLS A SMART METER AT AN ELECTRIC CUSTOMER'S PREMISES, THE**  
3 **ELECTRIC CUSTOMER MAY REQUEST THE REMOVAL OF THE SMART METER AND**  
4 **THE REINSTALLATION OF AN ANALOG METER.**

5                   **(2) A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

6                           **(I) BE IN WRITING; AND**

7                                   **(II) BE DIRECTED TO THE ELECTRIC COMPANY THAT**  
8 **INSTALLED THE SMART METER.**

9                   **(3) ON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AN**  
10 **ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL, AT NO COST TO THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMER,**  
11 **PROMPTLY REMOVE THE SMART METER AND REINSTALL AN ANALOG METER AT**  
12 **THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMER'S PREMISES.**

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
14 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect smart  
15 meters installed before the effective date of this Act.

16           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 June 1, 2014.