

# SENATE BILL 894

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By: **Senator Benson**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Change in Electricity Supply – Written Permission Required**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an electricity supplier or certain other person from  
4 making certain changes in the electricity supplier for a customer or adding a  
5 new charge for a certain service or option without first obtaining the customer's  
6 written permission; and generally relating to customer choice of electricity  
7 suppliers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Public Utilities  
10 Section 7–507(g)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Utilities**

16 7–507.

17 (g) (1) An electricity supplier or any person or governmental unit may  
18 not, without first obtaining the customer's **WRITTEN** permission:

19 (i) make any change in the electricity supplier for a customer;  
20 or

21 (ii) add a new charge for a new or existing service or option.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1                   (2) The Commission shall adopt regulations or issue orders  
2 establishing procedures to prevent the practices prohibited under paragraph (1) of this  
3 subsection.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2014.