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By: **Delegate Davis**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Electric Affordability Program – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to study and make
4 recommendations about the advisability of establishing an opt-in electric
5 affordability program for certain customers of certain electric companies with certain
6 characteristics and the advisability of allowing certain electric cooperatives to
7 participate in the program; requiring the Commission to study and make
8 recommendations about the manner in which a certain program should be conducted,
9 including certain provisions, qualifications, and procedures; requiring the
10 Commission to report certain recommendations by a certain date to the Senate
11 Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee; and generally
12 relating to the affordability of electricity supply and services.

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

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

17 (i) the advisability of:

18 1. establishing an opt-in electric affordability program
19 among retail electric companies for residential and small business customers in the service
20 territories of the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco), Allegheny Power, Baltimore

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.



1 Gas and Electric Company (BGE), or Delmarva Power and Light Company that would be
2 based on:

3 A. the offer of multiple-year contracts for electricity at a fixed
4 price per kilowatt-hour;

5 B. value-added products and services to help customers
6 manage overall energy costs; and

7 C. other potential customer benefits; and

8 2. allowing electric cooperatives to participate in the
9 program under item (i)1 of this paragraph; and

10 (ii) the manner in which the program under item (i) of this
11 paragraph, if advisable, should be conducted, including:

12 1. provisions relating to low-income customers to be assisted
13 by the program;

14 2. the duration of customer contracts under the program;

15 3. procedures governing wholesale electricity procurement
16 for the program;

17 4. the minimum qualifications of licensed electricity
18 suppliers and associated providers of value-added products and services that would be
19 eligible to participate in the program; and

20 5. procedures and principles of cost recovery for the
21 implementation of the program.

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

25 (b) On or before December 31, 2016, the Commission shall report its
26 recommendations under subsection (a) of this section to the Senate Finance Committee and
27 the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
28 Government Article.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2016.