

HOUSE BILL 948

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Utility Customers – Carbon Footprint**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to develop a certain
4 methodology to calculate the carbon footprint for certain utility customers; requiring
5 a utility company to calculate the carbon footprint for certain customers; requiring a
6 utility company to include a customer’s carbon footprint in the customer’s monthly
7 bill; defining certain terms; and generally relating to carbon footprints.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Utilities

10 Section 7–305.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Utilities**

16 **7–305.1.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “CARBON FOOTPRINT” MEANS THE AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE
20 AND OTHER CARBON COMPOUNDS EMITTED DUE TO THE PRODUCTION AND
21 CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY BY A CUSTOMER OF A UTILITY COMPANY.

22 (3) “CUSTOMER” MEANS A RETAIL CUSTOMER OF A UTILITY
23 COMPANY.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) “UTILITY COMPANY” MEANS A GAS COMPANY, AN ELECTRIC**
2 **COMPANY, OR A GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.**

3 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY TO CALCULATE**
4 **THE CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR EACH CUSTOMER.**

5 **(C) A UTILITY COMPANY SHALL:**

6 **(1) CALCULATE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR EACH OF THE UTILITY**
7 **COMPANY’S CUSTOMERS; AND**

8 **(2) INCLUDE THE CUSTOMER’S CARBON FOOTPRINT IN THE**
9 **CUSTOMER’S MONTHLY BILL.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2016.