

HOUSE BILL 1491

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By: **Delegate A. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Utility Submetering – Multiple Occupancy Buildings – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct a certain study of
4 the effects of master meters in certain residential multiple occupancy buildings;
5 providing for the required elements of the study; requiring the Commission to report
6 its findings to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
7 termination of this Act; and generally relating to submetering in multiple occupancy
8 buildings.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The Public Service Commission shall conduct a study on the effects of master
12 meters installed and used in residential multiple occupancy buildings, including those
13 installed in accordance with Chapter 315 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010.

14 (b) The study shall include:

15 (1) the number and location of residential multiple occupancy buildings
16 that currently have Commission approval to use a master meter;

17 (2) the criteria that the Commission uses to determine that the use of a
18 master meter will result in net energy savings over and above the energy savings expected
19 to result from individual metering or submetering in a comparable building;

20 (3) the cost savings that are or were passed on to tenants in the form of any
21 rent reduction or other credit as a result of building owners purchasing gas service and
22 electricity service in bulk through the use of a master meter; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) a comparison of energy consumption by residential multiple occupancy
2 buildings that use submetering with energy consumption by similar buildings that use a
3 master meter.

4 (c) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commission shall report the findings of
5 the study to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
6 Article.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this
9 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
10 further force and effect.