

HB0088/473127/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 88
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Public Utilities – Energy**” and substitute “**Electric**”; in the same line, after “**Distribution**” insert “**System**”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “implementation” in line 4 and substitute “establishing certain State policy goals with regard to the State’s electric distribution system”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “implementation;” in line 6; in line 6, after “the” insert “Public Service”; in line 7, strike “coordinate efforts with utilities to apply” and substitute “provide assistance and support to electric companies for applying”; in line 8, after “and” insert “obtaining”; in the same line, after “access” insert “to”; in line 9, strike “grid” and substitute “system; requiring the Administration to identify certain funding sources; requiring certain electric companies to report to the Commission and the Administration on certain funding information”; in line 10, after “in” insert “certain”; in line 11, strike “energy” and substitute “electric”; in the same line, after “distribution” insert “system”; in line 15, strike “7–805” and substitute “7–804”; in the same line, strike “Energy” and substitute “Electric”; in line 16, after “Distribution” insert “System”; in the same line, strike “and Labor Standards”; and after line 18, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 3–416

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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On page 1, in line 22, strike “**ENERGY**” and substitute “**ELECTRIC**”; in the same line, after “**DISTRIBUTION**” insert “**SYSTEM**”; and in the same line, strike “**AND LABOR STANDARDS**”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 3, inclusive; in line 4, strike “**GRID**” and substitute “**SYSTEM**”; in line 5, after “**SUPPORT**” insert “**, IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER,**”; in line 6, strike “**DECARBONIZATION AND**”; strike beginning with “**EQUITY**” in line 8 down through “**EMPLOYMENT**” in line 9 and substitute “**DECREASING DEPENDENCE ON ELECTRICITY IMPORTED FROM OTHER STATES**”; in line 10, strike “**(5)**” and substitute “**(4)**”; in the same line, after “**RESILIENCY**” insert “**, EFFICIENCY,**”; and in line 11, strike “**IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER**”.

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 2 through line 3 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 4, strike “**7-804.**” and substitute “**7-802.**”; in line 5, strike “**(A)**”; in the same line, strike “**2022**” and substitute “**2023**”; in lines 8, 22, and 24, in each instance, strike “**GRID**” and substitute “**SYSTEM**”; strike beginning with “**ADDRESSING**” in line 9 down through “**ENERGY**” in line 12 and substitute “**ON ELECTRIC**”; in line 12, after “**DISTRIBUTION**” insert “**SYSTEM**”; in line 13, after “**PROMOTE**” insert “**, AS SPECIFIC GOALS, THE FOLLOWING**”; in line 14, strike “**DECARBONIZATION**” and substitute “**MEASURES TO DECREASE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INCIDENT TO ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION**”; in line 19, strike “**AND CONSERVATION**”; strike beginning with “**INCREASED**” in line 20 down through “**TRANSPORTATION**” in line 21 and substitute “**ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN LOAD**”; in line 22, strike “**LABOR STANDARDS IN ALL ELEMENTS OF**” and substitute “**INCORPORATION OF ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY AS APPROPRIATE AND PRUDENT TO:**”

(I) SUPPORT EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND

(II) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE INCREASED DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION IN CONNECTION WITH;

in lines 22 and 24, in each instance, after “ELECTRIC” insert “DISTRIBUTION”; after line 23, insert:

“(6) EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF LOAD VARIABILITY;;

in line 24, strike “(6)” and substitute “(7)”; in the same line, strike “ADAPTATION” and substitute “RELIABILITY”; strike line 25 in its entirety; strike beginning with “INTEGRATION” in line 26 down through “OTHER” in line 27; in line 27, strike “FROM STORAGE ASSETS”; in line 28, strike “EFFECTIVE USE OF”; in the same line, after “NONWIRE” insert “AND NONCAPITAL”; after line 29, insert:

“(10) INCREASED USE OF DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC VEHICLES;;

and in line 30, strike “(10)” and substitute “(11)”.

On page 6, in line 1, strike “ENERGY” and substitute “ELECTRIC”; in the same line, after “DISTRIBUTION” insert “SYSTEM”; after line 1, insert:

“(12) ANY OTHER ISSUES THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 2 through 30, inclusive.

(Over)

On page 7, before line 1, insert “~~7-803.~~”; in line 1, strike “(E)” and substitute “(A)”; in the same line, after “THE” insert “GENERAL ASSEMBLY STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES OF THE STATE TO PURSUE DILIGENTLY FEDERAL FUNDS TO MEET THE STATE’S POLICY GOALS FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INCLUDING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER §§ 40101, 40103, AND 40107 OF THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT.”

(B) THE;

in line 2, strike “COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH UTILITIES TO APPLY” and substitute “PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO ELECTRIC COMPANIES FOR APPLYING”; in the same line, after “AND” insert “OBTAINING”; in the same line, after “ACCESS” insert “TO”; in the same line, after “FEDERAL” insert “AND OTHER AVAILABLE”; strike beginning with the comma in line 3 down through “GRID” in line 5 and substitute “TO MEET THE STATE’S POLICY GOALS FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM”; after line 5, insert:

“(C) THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION SHALL IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE’S POLICY GOALS UNDER § 7-802 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING FUNDING FOR:

(1) INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THROUGH INSTALLATION AND INTEGRATION OF ENERGY STORAGE DEVICES AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES AND UPGRADES;

(2) GRID HARDENING ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF OR CONSEQUENCES OF EVENTS THAT DISRUPT OPERATIONS OF THE

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER OR NATURAL DISASTERS;

(3) OTHER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM-RELATED UPGRADE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR FUNDING UNDER §§ 40101, 40103, OR 40107 OF THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT; AND

(4) OTHER SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES THAT THE COMMISSION IDENTIFIES.

(D) AS NEEDED TO PROMOTE THE STATE'S POLICY GOALS UNDER § 7-802 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION:

(1) SHALL REQUIRE EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION ON:

(I) THE FUNDING FOR WHICH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY HAS APPLIED;

(II) THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDING IS INTENDED TO BE USED;

(III) THE STATUS OF THE FUNDING APPLICATIONS; AND

(IV) CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET TO OBTAIN THE FUNDING; AND

(2) MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS OR ISSUE ORDERS THAT REQUIRE ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AND OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

7-804.

ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS OR ISSUE ORDERS TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC POLICIES FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE STATE'S POLICY GOALS UNDER § 7-802 OF THIS SUBTITLE.”;

strike line 6 in its entirety and substitute:

“Article – Labor and Employment

3-416.”;

in line 7, after “APPLIES” insert “:

(1)”;

in line 9, strike “INVOLVING” and substitute “**THAT:**

(I) INVOLVES”;

and in line 11, after “ACTIVITIES” insert “**; AND**

(II) IS FUNDED BY FEDERAL FUNDS TO MEET THE STATE'S POLICY GOALS FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE, INCLUDING FUNDS MADE

AVAILABLE UNDER §§ 40101, 40103, OR 40107 OF THE FEDERAL
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT; AND

(2) ONLY TO THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE
FEDERAL FUNDS”.

On page 8, in line 4, after “2.” insert “AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31, 2022, the Public Service Commission shall provide an interim report on the status of matters required to be reported under § 7–802 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by this Act, to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”

SECTION 3.”;

and in line 5, strike “October” and substitute “July”.