HOUSE BILL 1103

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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Electric Companies - Reliability Standards and Annual Report

1 AN ACT concerning

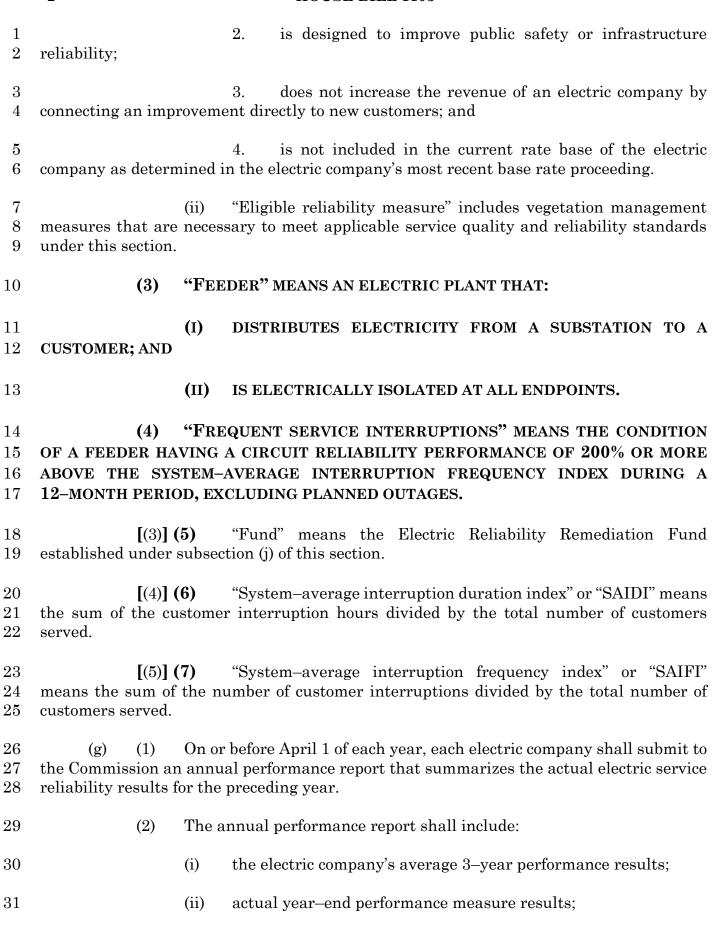
FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company to include in a certain annual report the location of feeders in the service territory of the electric company that have experienced frequent service interruptions and to develop a plan to reduce frequent service interruptions; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish, in consultation with the Office of People's Counsel and other entities, electric service quality and reliability standards in a certain manner by a certain date; and generally relating to electric companies and service.

- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Article Public Utilities
- 12 Section 7–213(a) and (g)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 17 Article Public Utilities
- 18 7–213.

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- 19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 20 (2) (i) "Eligible reliability measure" means a replacement of or an 21 improvement in existing infrastructure of an electric company that:
- 22 1. is made on or after June 1, 2014;





- 1 an assessment of the results and effectiveness of the reliability 2 objectives, planned actions and projects, programs, and load studies in achieving an 3 acceptable reliability level; [and] 4 annual information that the Commission determines necessary 5 to assess the electric company's efforts to maintain reliable electric service to all customers in the electric company's service territory, including: 6 7 1. current year expenditures, labor resource hours, and progress measures for each capital and maintenance program designed to support the 8 maintenance of reliable electric service: 9 10 2. the number of outages by outage type; the number of outages by outage cause; 11 3. 12 the total number of customers that experienced an outage; 4. 13 5. the total customer minutes of outage time; and 14 6. to the extent practicable, a breakdown, by the number of 15 days each customer was without electric service, of the number of customers that experienced an outage: 16 17 **(V)** THE LOCATION OF FEEDERS IN THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF 18 THE ELECTRIC COMPANY THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED FREQUENT SERVICE 19 **INTERRUPTIONS; AND** 20 A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE FREQUENT 21SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS AND IMPROVE LONG-TERM ELECTRIC SERVICE QUALITY 22AND RELIABILITY OF FEEDERS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED FREQUENT SERVICE 23 INTERRUPTIONS. 24(3)At the request of an electric company, the Commission shall hold a 25hearing to discuss the annual performance report of the electric company. 26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2024, the Public Service Commission shall, in consultation with the Office of People's Counsel, 27 28 staff of the Public Service Commission, electric companies, and participating counties, 29municipal corporations, and communities, establish by order or regulation electric service 30 quality and reliability standards necessary to implement this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.