

HB1420/513125/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1420
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in the same line, after “to” insert “retain or”; strike beginning with “at” in line 4 down through “duties” in line 5 and substitute “experts in the field of cybersecurity”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “Counsel;” in line 8; after line 11, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 2–203(f), 5–306, and 7–213(a) and (e)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”;

in line 14, strike “2–203(a)(1) and”; and strike in their entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 8, insert:

“(f) The Office of People’s Counsel may retain as necessary for a particular matter or hire experts in the field of:

(1) utility regulation, including cost of capital experts, rate design experts, accountants, economists, engineers, transportation specialists, and lawyers; [and]

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(2) climate change, including meteorologists, oceanographers, ecologists, foresters, geologists, seismologists, botanists, and experts in any other field of science that the People’s Counsel determines is necessary; AND

(3) CYBERSECURITY.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 2 through line 3 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 4, in lines 26 and 27, strike “**AND THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE’S COUNSEL**”.