

HOUSE BILL 1349

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Implementation Plan to Convert Formerly**
3 **Operational Fossil Fuel Generating Stations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to develop an implementation
5 plan to convert formerly operational generating stations in the State to natural gas
6 generating stations; requiring the Commission to conduct a public stakeholder
7 process to solicit input when developing the implementation plan; and generally
8 relating to an implementation plan to convert formerly operational generating
9 stations in the State to natural gas generating stations.

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

12 (a) The Public Service Commission shall develop an implementation plan to
13 convert formerly operational fossil fuel generating stations located in the State to natural
14 gas generating stations.

15 (b) In developing the implementation plan, the Commission shall conduct a public
16 stakeholder process to solicit input, including soliciting input from:

17 (1) the Office of People’s Counsel;

18 (2) the Maryland Energy Administration;

19 (3) the Department of Natural Resources;

20 (4) the Department of the Environment;

21 (5) investor–owned electric and gas companies, electric cooperatives, and
22 municipal electric utilities;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) owners of generating stations and natural gas transmission systems
2 located in the State;

3 (7) nonprofit advocacy organizations with relevant expertise; and

4 (8) local governments with formerly operational fossil fuel generating
5 stations located in their jurisdictions.

6 (c) The implementation plan shall include, with respect to converting formerly
7 operational fossil fuel generating stations located in the State to natural gas generating
8 stations:

9 (1) an assessment of the feasibility and associated costs, including the
10 feasibility and associated costs of:

11 (i) an electric company or gas company taking ownership of the
12 generating stations; and

13 (ii) a person that is not an electric company or gas company taking
14 ownership of the generating stations;

15 (2) a description of any legal, regulatory, and engineering barriers and
16 their potential solutions;

17 (3) a conversion timeline that balances ratepayer costs with electric system
18 reliability;

19 (4) any draft legislation necessary for implementation; and

20 (5) any other relevant matter, as determined by the Commission.

21 (d) On or before January 1, 2027, the Commission shall provide its
22 implementation plan and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
23 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and
24 the Environment and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
26 1, 2026.