

HOUSE BILL 260

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CF SB 686

By: **Delegate D.E. Davis**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Residential Electricity and Gas Supply Billing Information – Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons to submit to the Public Service Commission
4 beginning on a certain date monthly reports containing ~~detailed billing~~ information
5 on the supply of electricity and gas to certain residential customers; requiring certain
6 initial reports to include certain historical information; providing for the required
7 contents of each report; requiring certain information to be organized by certain
8 categories; requiring the Commission to make each report available to certain
9 persons; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to use the reports to make
10 certain analyses; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Office, to
11 provide a certain overview report each year to the General Assembly containing
12 certain information; requiring the Commission to publish the overview report on its
13 website; defining certain terms; and generally relating to reports on supplying
14 electricity and gas to residential customers.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Public Utilities

17 Section 7–311

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Public Utilities**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 7-311.

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (2) "LOW-INCOME CUSTOMER" MEANS AN ELECTRIC OR GAS
5 CUSTOMER WHO RECEIVES ENERGY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FROM THE OFFICE OF
6 HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

7 (3) "UTILITY-PROCURED GAS" MEANS GAS PROCURED BY A GAS
8 COMPANY FOR RETAIL SALE TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE GAS
9 COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

10 (B) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL
11 SUBMIT A MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION CONTAINING ~~DETAILED BILLING~~
12 INFORMATION ON THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS TO RESIDENTIAL
13 CUSTOMERS IN THE PERSON'S SERVICE TERRITORY:

14 (I) EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY;

15 (II) EACH GAS COMPANY; AND

16 (III) EACH ELECTRICITY OR GAS SUPPLIER THAT BILLS
17 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS FOR SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY OR GAS.

18 (2) THE INITIAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION BY EACH
19 PERSON SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION FOR THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

20 (C) EACH REPORT SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR
21 ELECTRICITY OR GAS SUPPLIED BY AN ELECTRICITY OR GAS SUPPLIER, BROKEN
22 DOWN BY SUPPLIER:

23 (1) THE TOTAL KILOWATT-HOURS OR THERMS BILLED;

24 (2) THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT BILLED; AND

25 (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS BILLED.

26 (D) THE INFORMATION IN EACH REPORT SHALL BE ORGANIZED BY THE
27 FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

28 (1) ALL CUSTOMERS OTHER THAN LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS; AND

29 (2) ALL LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS.

1 (E) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE EACH REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE
2 OFFICE OF PEOPLE’S COUNSEL AND THE OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS.

3 (F) THE OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS SHALL USE THE REPORTS
4 TO ANALYZE INFORMATION RELATING TO LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING
5 CALCULATING THE TOTAL SAVINGS AND COSTS FOR THE LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS
6 OF EACH SUPPLIER.

7 (G) EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF
8 HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS, SHALL:

9 (1) PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN
10 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT
11 INCLUDES:

12 (I) A COMPARISON OF THE AGGREGATED RESIDENTIAL
13 ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY PRICES WITH THE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE OR
14 UTILITY-PROCURED GAS PRICES BY SUPPLIER; AND

15 (II) AN ASSESSMENT OF HOW THESE PRICES IMPACT THE BILLS
16 OF LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS; AND

17 (2) PUBLISH THE OVERVIEW REPORT ON THE COMMISSION’S
18 WEBSITE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.