SENATE BILL 754

C5 EMERGENCY BILL 2lr3067
CF HB 381

By: **Senator Young**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Generation Request for Proposals – Expansion of Area**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to consider all areas of
4   the State when determining the need for additional electricity generation;
5   requiring an electric company to reference generation potential in all areas of
6   the State in a request for proposals submitted to the Commission; specifying
7   certain criteria that an electric company shall consider in a request for
8   proposals; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to
9   electricity generation.

10 BY adding to
11   Article – Public Utilities
12   Section 7–214
13   Annotated Code of Maryland
14   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utilities

18 **7–214.**

19   (A) **WHEN CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR NEW ELECTRIC GENERATION**
20 **FACILITIES UNDER § 7–510(C)(6) OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL**
21 **INCLUDE ALL AREAS OF THE STATE IN THE SCOPE PROVISION OF A DRAFT**
22 **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.**

23   (B) (1) **WHEN THE COMMISSION REQUIRES AN ELECTRIC COMPANY**
24 **TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW GENERATION FACILITIES, THE**

1   **ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL REFER TO GENERATION CAPACITY IN ALL AREAS OF**
2   **THE STATE.**

3   **(2)   AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL CONSIDER GENERATION**
4   **CAPACITY IN TERMS OF LOCATION, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS,**
5   **AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FACTORS.**

6   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
7   measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
8   has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members
9   elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
10 the date it is enacted.