

**HB1578/563299/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1578

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Study on” and substitute “Use of”; in line 4, strike “prohibiting” and substitute “authorizing”; strike beginning with “from” in line 4 down through the first “of” in line 8 and substitute “to authorize”; in line 8, strike “certain”; in lines 9 and 14, in each instance, strike “build” and substitute “construct, acquire, or lease, and operate”; in lines 9 and 15, in each instance, after “new” insert “regulated”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “Act;” in line 13; in line 14, strike “a study on” and substitute “the authorization of”; and after line 15, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 7-510(c)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

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

Article – Public Utility Companies

7-510.

(c) (6) In order to meet long-term, anticipated demand in the State for standard offer service and other electricity supply, the Commission may:

(Over)

(I) require or allow an investor-owned electric company to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own generating facilities, and transmission facilities necessary to interconnect the generating facilities with the electric grid, subject to appropriate cost recovery; OR

(II) AUTHORIZE A CONSORTIUM OF ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE REGULATED GENERATING FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COST RECOVERY THROUGH A NONBYPASSABLE CHARGE APPLICABLE TO ONE OR MORE CUSTOMER CLASSES, AS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 5 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the Public Service Commission determines that the addition of new generation in the State is required to meet long-term, anticipated standard offer service or other electricity supply, the Commission shall consider and evaluate the option of generation constructed, acquired or leased through a consortium of electric companies in accordance with § 7-510(c)(6)(ii) of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act, in addition to generation constructed, acquired, or leased by investor-owned utilities in accordance with § 7-510(c)(6)(i) of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act, and as an alternative to long-term contracts for electricity supply.”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “It” in line 7 down through “effect.” in line 9.