

HOUSE BILL 1578

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity Generation - Long-Term Contracts and Study on Consortium of**
3 **Electric Companies to Build New Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from requiring certain
5 electric companies to enter into certain long-term contracts until the
6 Commission reports the results of a certain study and evaluation; requiring the
7 Commission to study and evaluate certain advantages and costs associated with
8 the creation or authorization of a certain private consortium of electric
9 companies to build new electricity generating facilities and associated
10 transmission lines as an alternative to certain long-term contracts; requiring
11 the Commission to report the results of a certain study and evaluations to the
12 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
13 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to long-term electricity
14 generation contracts and a study on a consortium of electric companies to build
15 new electricity generating facilities.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Public Service Commission may not require electric companies
18 to enter into long-term electricity generation contracts until the Commission has
19 reported the results of the study and evaluation required under Section 2 of this Act to
20 the Governor and the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public Service
22 Commission shall:

23 (1) conduct investigatory proceedings, including the use of any
24 necessary outside experts and consultants, to study and evaluate the advantages,
25 costs, and any other issues the Commission considers appropriate that are associated
26 with the creation or authorization of a private consortium of electric companies to
27 build new reregulated electricity generating facilities and associated transmission

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 lines as an alternative to requiring electric companies to enter into long-term
2 electricity generation contracts; and

3 (2) on or before December 1, 2008, report the result of the study and
4 evaluations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
5 Article, the General Assembly.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 7 months and, at the
8 end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
9 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.