



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 629**

*January Session, 2001*

Senate Bill No. 1439

*Senate, May 7, 2001*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONSUMER COUNSEL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) The Consumer Counsel and the chairperson of the Public  
2 Utility Control Authority shall review (1) the functions and activities of  
3 the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Department of Public Utility  
4 Control in order to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of such  
5 functions and activities and assign priority for their continued  
6 funding, and (2) the purposes for which the resources of the Consumer  
7 Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund are expended in order to  
8 determine the most appropriate uses for such resources. The  
9 Consumer Counsel and the chairperson shall submit findings and  
10 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
12 the budgets of state agencies not later than February 20, 2002, and

13 annually thereafter.

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Public Utility Control, Office of Consumer Counsel

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

The bill requires the Consumer Counsel and the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority to review the functions, activities and cost effectiveness of each agency and report such findings to the General Assembly. It is anticipated that both agencies can accomplish these reviews within their normal budgetary resources.

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

SB 1439

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**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Consumer Counsel and the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority to review the functions, activities and cost effectiveness of each agency and report such findings to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 51 Nay 0