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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 16-245m of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) On and after January 1, 2000, the Department of Public Utility
4 Control shall assess or cause to be assessed a charge of three mills per
5 kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each end use customer of an electric
6 distribution company to be used to implement the program as
7 provided in this section for conservation and load management
8 programs but not for the amortization of costs incurred prior to July 1,
9 1997, for such conservation and load management programs.

10 (b) The electric distribution company shall establish an Energy
11 Conservation and Load Management Fund which shall be held
12 separate and apart from all other funds or accounts. Receipts from the
13 charge imposed under subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited
14 into the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any
15 fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fiscal year next succeeding.
16 Disbursements from the fund by electric distribution companies to

17 carry out the plan developed under subsection (d) of this section shall
18 be authorized by the Department of Public Utility Control upon its
19 approval of such plan.

20 (c) The Department of Public Utility Control shall appoint and
21 convene an Energy Conservation Management Board which shall
22 include representatives of: (1) An environmental group knowledgeable
23 in energy conservation program collaboratives; (2) the Office of
24 Consumer Counsel; (3) the Attorney General; (4) the Department of
25 Environmental Protection; (5) the electric distribution companies in
26 whose territories the activities take place for such programs; (6) a state-
27 wide manufacturing association; (7) a chamber of commerce; (8) a
28 state-wide business association; (9) a state-wide retail organization;
29 and (10) residential customers. Such members shall serve for a period
30 of five years and may be reappointed.

31 (d) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise and
32 assist the electric distribution companies in the development and
33 implementation of a comprehensive plan, which plan shall be
34 approved by the Department of Public Utility Control, to implement
35 cost-effective energy conservation programs and market
36 transformation initiatives. Programs included in the plan shall be
37 screened through cost-effectiveness testing which compares the value
38 and payback period of program benefits to program costs to ensure
39 that programs are designed to obtain energy savings whose value is
40 greater than the costs of the programs. Program cost-effectiveness shall
41 be reviewed annually, or otherwise as is practicable. If a program is
42 determined to fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review
43 process, it shall either be modified to meet the test or shall be
44 terminated. On or before January 31, 2001, and annually thereafter
45 until January 31, 2006, the board shall provide a report to the joint
46 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
47 matters relating to energy and the environment which documents
48 expenditures, fund balances and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of
49 such programs conducted in the preceding year. Such programs may

50 include, but not be limited to: (1) Conservation and load management
51 programs; (2) research, development and commercialization of
52 products or processes which are more energy-efficient than those
53 generally available; (3) development of markets for such products and
54 processes; (4) support for energy use assessment, engineering studies
55 and services related to new construction or major building renovation;
56 (5) the design, manufacture, commercialization and purchase of
57 energy-efficient appliances and heating, air conditioning and lighting
58 devices; (6) program planning and evaluation; and (7) public education
59 regarding conservation. Such programs shall not include activities
60 that, in the opinion of the department, unfairly compete with private
61 suppliers of energy efficient lighting products. Such support may be by
62 direct funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price and loan subsidies,
63 leases and promotional and educational activities. Any other
64 expenditure by the collaborative shall be limited to retention of expert
65 consultants and reasonable administrative costs provided such
66 consultants shall not be employed by, or have any contractual
67 relationship with, an electric distribution company. Such costs shall
68 not exceed five per cent of the total revenue collected from the
69 assessment.

ET *Joint Favorable*