



House of Representatives

File No. 343

General Assembly

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(Reprint of File No. 40)

Substitute House Bill No. 5542
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 4, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT MARINAS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-19ff of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes to the
4 contrary, each electric company or electric distribution company shall
5 allow the installation of submeters at a recreational campground,
6 individual slips at marinas for metering the electric use by individual
7 boat owners or in any other location as approved by the department
8 and shall provide electricity to such campground at a rate no greater
9 than the residential rate for the service territory in which the
10 campground or marina is located, provided nothing in this section
11 shall permit the installation of submeters for nonresidential use
12 including, but not limited to, general outdoor lighting marina
13 operations, repair facilities, restaurants or other retail recreational
14 facilities. Service to nonresidential facilities shall be separately metered
15 and billed at the appropriate rate.

16 (b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall adopt
17 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry
18 out the purposes of this section. Such regulations shall: (1) Require a
19 submetered customer to pay only his portion of the energy consumed,
20 which cost shall not exceed the amount paid by the owner of the main
21 meter for such energy; (2) establish standards for the safe and proper
22 installation of submeters; (3) require that the ultimate services
23 delivered to a submetered customer are consistent with any service
24 requirements imposed upon the company; (4) establish standards for
25 the locations of submeters and may adopt any other provisions the
26 department deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this section
27 and section 16-19ee.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill concerns electric companies' approval of the installation of submeters and there is no fiscal impact for the Department of Public Utility Control.

House "A" is technical in nature and has no fiscal impact.

OLR Amended Bill Analysis

sHB 5542 (File 40, as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT MARINAS**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires electric companies and electric utilities to permit the installation of submeters at marina boat slips to meter electric use by individual boat owners. The law already permits submeters at recreational campgrounds and other locations the Department of Public Utility Control approves and requires electric companies and utilities to provide electricity to campgrounds at a rate no greater than that charged residential users in the service area in which the campground is located. The bill does not specify a rate for marinas. The bill prohibits the installation of submeters for non-residential use at campgrounds, marinas or other approved locations, and requires that non-residential services, including general outdoor lighting, marina operations, repair facilities, and restaurant or other retail recreational facilities be separately metered, and billed at the appropriate rate.

*House Amendment "A" limits the use of submetering at marinas and prohibits submetering of nonresidential uses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

BACKGROUND***Submeters***

Submetered consumers pay only for the electricity they use, rather than paying a portion of the amount billed to the owner of the main meter.

Legislative History

The House referred the bill (File 40) to the Energy and Technology

Committee on March 21. The committee favorably reported the bill on March 28.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 12 Nay 0