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LCO No. 1761

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 1. Subsection (d) of section 16-245m of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (d) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise and
5 assist the electric distribution companies in the development and
6 implementation of a comprehensive plan, which plan shall be
7 approved by the Department of Public Utility Control, to implement
8 cost-effective energy conservation programs and market
9 transformation initiatives. Programs included in the plan shall be
10 screened through cost-effectiveness testing which compares the value
11 and payback period of program benefits to program costs to ensure
12 that programs are designed to obtain energy savings whose value is
13 greater than the costs of the programs. Program cost-effectiveness shall
14 be reviewed annually, or otherwise as is practicable. If a program is
15 determined to fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review
16 process, it shall either be modified to meet the test or shall be
17 terminated. On or before January 31, 2001, and annually thereafter

18 until January 31, 2006, the board shall provide a report to the joint
19 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
20 matters relating to energy and the environment which documents
21 expenditures, fund balances and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of
22 such programs conducted in the preceding year. Such programs may
23 include, but not be limited to: (1) Conservation and load management
24 programs; (2) research, development and commercialization of
25 products or processes which are more energy-efficient than those
26 generally available; (3) development of markets for such products and
27 processes; (4) support for energy use assessment, engineering studies
28 and services related to new construction or major building renovation;
29 (5) the design, manufacture, commercialization and purchase of
30 energy-efficient appliances and heating, air conditioning and lighting
31 devices; (6) program planning and evaluation; and (7) public education
32 regarding conservation. Such programs shall not include activities
33 that, in the opinion of the department, unfairly compete with private
34 suppliers of energy efficient lighting products. Such support may be by
35 direct funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price and loan subsidies,
36 leases and promotional and educational activities. Any other
37 expenditure by the collaborative shall be limited to retention of expert
38 consultants and reasonable administrative costs provided such
39 consultants shall not be employed by, or have any contractual
40 relationship with, an electric distribution company. Such costs shall
41 not exceed five per cent of the total revenue collected from the
42 assessment.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

Statement of Purpose:

To preclude electric distribution companies from receiving funding from the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund for programs that unfairly compete with private suppliers of energy efficient lighting products.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]