



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5509

LCO No. 2586



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING LEVELS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE
LINEWORKERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-32g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, each
4 electric distribution company shall submit to the Public Utilities
5 Regulatory Authority a plan for the maintenance of poles, wires,
6 conduits or other fixtures, along public highways or streets for the
7 transmission or distribution of electric current, owned, operated,
8 managed or controlled by such company, in such format as the
9 authority shall prescribe. Such plan shall include a summary of
10 appropriate staffing levels necessary for the maintenance of said
11 fixtures and a program for the trimming of tree branches and limbs
12 located in close proximity to overhead electric wires where such
13 branches and limbs may cause damage to such electric wires. The
14 authority shall review each plan and may issue such orders as may be
15 necessary to ensure compliance with this section. The authority may

16 require each electric distribution company to submit an updated plan
17 at such time and containing such information as the authority may
18 prescribe. The authority shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
19 the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
21 each electric distribution company shall employ a minimum of ____
22 electric service lineworkers per ____ customers served and each
23 electric distribution company shall reflect such number of electric
24 service lineworkers in the plan required under subsection (a) of this
25 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	16-32g

Statement of Purpose:

To establish minimum staffing levels of electric service lineworkers for electric distribution companies.

[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.]