



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5181

House of Representatives, April 4, 2019

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. ARCONTI of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A NEW RATE CLASS FOR GAS COMPANIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairperson of the
2 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall conduct a study regarding
3 the creation of a new rate class for gas companies. Such study shall
4 consider the creation of a new rate class for customers of gas
5 companies that are nonprofit organizations and have occasional high
6 gas demand during the course of a calendar year. Such study shall
7 include recommendations for the creation of such new rate class.

8 (b) On or before July 1, 2020, the chairperson of the Public Utilities
9 Regulatory Authority, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
10 statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to
11 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the
12 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ET *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to study the creation of a new rate class for nonprofit customers. It is expected that the study can be completed within the existing staff and resources of DEEP.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5181*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A NEW RATE CLASS FOR GAS COMPANIES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's chairperson to study creating a new rate class for gas company customers that are nonprofit organizations with occasional high gas demand during a calendar year. The chairperson must report the study's results, which must include recommendations for creating such a new rate class, to the Energy and Technology Committee by July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)