



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6054

LCO No. 2721



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.

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AN ACT DESIGNATING INTERNET SERVICE AS AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC UTILITY AND CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ENERGY, CABLE AND INTERNET SERVICE.

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

- 1 That title 16 of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Designate
- 2 Internet service as an essential public utility requiring the independent
- 3 oversight of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; (2) authorize the
- 4 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to regulate energy, cable and
- 5 Internet service providers as essential public utilities; and (3) enhance
- 6 the authority's oversight powers over such providers.

Statement of Purpose:

To designate Internet as an essential public utility and to authorize and enhance the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's oversight powers over energy, cable, and Internet service providers.