



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 319**

LCO No. 1255



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
INTRODUCER WITHDRAWN

**AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR CONSUMER ACCESS  
TO AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) remove charges
- 2 collectively called the "Combined Public Benefits Charge" from electric
- 3 bills for end use customers of each electric distribution company, (2)
- 4 prohibit the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or
- 5 any electric distribution company from entering into a power purchase
- 6 agreement that provides for the purchase of electricity at a rate
- 7 exceeding one hundred fifty per cent above the wholesale price of
- 8 electricity, (3) redefine "Class I renewable energy source" to include any
- 9 electricity generated from a hydropower or nuclear power generating
- 10 facility, (4) separate the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority from the
- 11 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, (5) eliminate any
- 12 incentive program that increases electric demand, including, but not
- 13 limited to, any electric vehicle rebate program, and (6) study methods
- 14 by which the supply of natural gas may be increased in the state.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To reduce energy costs and increase energy supply.