

information; prohibiting certain actions by electricity suppliers; providing that this Act may not be construed as preventing the application of certain protections and laws; requiring certain electric companies to provide certain information to the Department of the Environment and the Commission by a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission, to study a certain environmental surcharge under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, to adopt certain measures regarding certain environmental programs; requiring the Commission to reduce certain rates for a certain time under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to consult with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General before issuing certain regulations; allowing municipal electric utilities to elect to make their service territory available for customer choice; requiring municipal electric utilities to file a certain plan and report by a certain date on a certain status; providing that certain persons may not engage in the business of competitive billing services in certain local jurisdictions unless the person holds a certain license; providing for certain licensure requirements; prohibiting the recovery of consumer education costs under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to establish a certain universal service program; requiring all customers of electric companies in the State to contribute to the funding of a universal service program; requiring the Commission to report on a universal service program and make a certain recommendation; providing for certain funding of a universal service program; requiring certain actions by the General Assembly regarding certain funding of the universal service program; requiring the Commission to consider certain evidence in determining certain costs or benefits; requiring the Commission to cooperate with and share information with the Antitrust Division of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring certain electric companies to continue purchasing electricity under certain contracts under certain circumstances; prohibiting electricity suppliers and electric companies from terminating certain customers under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to report by a certain date on the feasibility of requiring a certain renewable portfolio standard; altering the imposition of the environmental surcharge to certain customers; extending the termination date of a certain surcharge; authorizing the Governor to submit a certain budget amendment from the Revenue Stabilization Fund to be used for certain education purposes; requiring the Commission to use certain funds during a certain period to implement a certain program; requiring the Commission to report by a certain date on a certain recommended consumer education funding level for a certain time; providing for the implementation of standard offer service in a certain manner; prohibiting the Commission from requiring divestiture of certain assets; requiring the Commission to ensure the creation of certain competitive electricity services in a certain manner; allowing the Commission to adopt alternative forms of regulation for certain regulated services; requiring the Commission to limit certain rates for a certain period; requiring an electric company to provide certain services in certain territory; requiring certain persons to be licensed by the Commission before providing electricity supply services in the State, subject to certain requirements and enforcement mechanisms; allowing