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Proposed Bill No. 318

LCO No. 813



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) remove the Public
- 2 Utilities Regulatory Authority from the Department of Energy and
- 3 Environmental Protection, (2) require that any vacancy on the authority
- 4 be filled by appointment within ninety days, (3) impose a limit of three
- 5 terms for any member of the authority, (4) prohibit the authority from
- 6 adopting any change to a policy or program that impacts ratepayers
- 7 without consent of the General Assembly, (5) require the authority to
- 8 perform rate adjustment analyses on a more frequent basis, (6) require
- 9 the authority to create and update monthly a public dashboard of
- 10 unpaid utility bills on the authority's Internet web site, and (7) require
- 11 the authority to publish a fiscal analysis of any rate case to be decided
- 12 by such authority in a format easily read and understood by ratepayers
- 13 prior to such decision.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) separate the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, (2) require prompt appointments to fill any vacancy on the authority, (3) impose term limits on members of the authority, (4) require legislative approval for certain actions of the authority, (5) require the authority to perform more frequent rate adjustment analyses, (6) require the authority to create a public dashboard concerning unpaid utility bills, and (7) require the authority to publish an easy to read fiscal analysis prior to the authority's final decision in any rate case.