



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 647

LCO No. 1689



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

SEN. HARDING, 30th Dist.
SEN. MARTIN, 31st Dist.
SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.
SEN. CICARELLA, 34th Dist.
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SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd Dist.

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***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.