



General Assembly

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"AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 relating to rental agreements and the billing of utilities to (1) evaluate
5 the potential consequences of prohibiting a rental agreement from
6 requiring a tenant to pay for utilities billed to such tenant when no
7 separate meter is used to measure utilities delivered exclusively to such
8 tenant's dwelling unit; (2) examine current practices among landlords
9 and tenants concerning the allocation and billing of utilities in dwelling
10 units that are not separately metered; (3) analyze the potential impacts
11 of such a prohibition on housing affordability, rental costs, utility
12 consumption, landlord operations and tenant protections; (4) assess
13 whether alternative methods of allocating utility costs, including, but
14 not limited to, ratio utility billing systems or other formulas, provide fair
15 and transparent outcomes for tenants; (5) identify any other issues the

16 task force deems relevant to evaluating the effects of such a prohibition;
17 and (6) recommend changes to state law and policy concerning the
18 allocation and billing of utilities in rental agreements.

19 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

28 (7) One appointed by the Governor with expertise in housing, utility
29 regulation, or consumer protection.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
31 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
32 member of the General Assembly.

33 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
34 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
35 be filled by the appointing authority.

36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
37 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
38 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
39 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
40 days after the effective date of this section.

41 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the

42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
43 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

44 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
45 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing,
47 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
48 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
49 January 1, 2027, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section