

# HOUSE BILL 1019

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CF SB 529

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By: **Delegate D.E. Davis**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Electric Companies and Electric Cooperatives –**  
3 **Customer Identification**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations requiring  
5 electric companies and electric cooperatives to adopt a method for an electricity  
6 supplier enrolling a certain customer to provide certain information to adequately  
7 identify the customer without using the customer’s account number; requiring the  
8 regulations to require that a certain customer enrolling with an electricity supplier  
9 may offer certain information as proof of identity under certain circumstances;  
10 defining a certain term; and generally relating to methods to identify a customer to  
11 an electric company or electric cooperative when enrolling a customer for competitive  
12 electricity supply.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Public Utilities  
15 Section 7–311  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Public Utilities**

21 **7–311.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ACCOUNT” MEANS A CUSTOMER’S ACCOUNT WITH AN**  
23 **ELECTRIC COMPANY OR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.**

24 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE EACH**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ELECTRIC COMPANY AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO ADOPT A METHOD FOR AN  
2 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER ENROLLING A CUSTOMER FOR THE PROVISION OF  
3 COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO PROVIDE TO THE ELECTRIC COMPANY OR  
4 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE THE PROOF OF IDENTITY SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (C)  
5 OF THIS SECTION TO ADEQUATELY IDENTIFY THE CUSTOMER WITHOUT USING THE  
6 CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT NUMBER.

7 (C) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THAT A CUSTOMER ENROLLING  
8 WITH AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER FOR THE PROVISION OF COMPETITIVE  
9 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WHO CHOOSES NOT TO PROVIDE THE ASSOCIATED ACCOUNT  
10 NUMBER MAY PROVIDE TO THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER PROOF OF IDENTITY AS  
11 FOLLOWS:

12 (1) A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND

13 (2) AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (I) THE PHONE NUMBER ASSOCIATED WITH THE CUSTOMER'S  
15 ACCOUNT;

16 (II) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
17 OF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER;

18 (III) THE ACCOUNT HOLDER'S DATE OF BIRTH; OR

19 (IV) THE AMOUNT DUE ON THE ACCOUNT LISTED ON ONE OF THE  
20 THREE ELECTRIC BILLS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT  
21 WITH THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2020.