

HOUSE BILL 363

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By: **Delegates Knotts and Glass**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Smart Meters – Report on Public Health Impact**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission and the Department of Health
4 and Mental Hygiene jointly to report to certain committees of the General Assembly
5 on or before a certain date on the public health impact of smart meter deployment in
6 the State; requiring that a certain report include certain information; requiring the
7 Commission, in consultation with the Department, to select and retain a certain
8 independent expert to prepare a certain report; and generally relating to a report on
9 the public health impact of smart meters used for gas and electricity services.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
13 and the Public Service Commission jointly shall report to the Senate Finance Committee
14 and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
15 Government Article, on the public health impact of smart meter deployment in the State.

16 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include, at a
17 minimum:

18 (1) a summary of the activities carried out by the Department of Health
19 and Mental Hygiene assessing the health effects of smart meters in the State;

20 (2) a representative sample of radio–frequency levels measured at
21 premises where smart meters have been installed; and

22 (3) evidence–based recommendations relating to the potential health
23 effects of smart meters.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Department of
2 Health and Mental Hygiene, shall select and retain an independent expert, who is not an
3 employee of the State, to prepare the report required under subsection (a) of this section.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2016.