

HOUSE BILL 356

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Rates for Gas and Electricity – Discount for**
3 **Qualified Residential Customers in Baltimore City**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to issue an order that sets
5 certain rates for electricity and gas for certain residential customers in Baltimore
6 City that meet certain criteria at a certain percentage lower than the rates for other
7 residential customers in Baltimore City; defining a certain term; and generally
8 relating to gas and electricity rates for residential customers in Baltimore City.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Utilities

11 Section 4–104

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 **4–104.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER” MEANS A**
19 **RESIDENTIAL GAS OR ELECTRIC CUSTOMER IN BALTIMORE CITY WHO:**

20 **(1) IS 55 YEARS OLD OR OLDER; AND**

21 **(2) HAS BEEN A CUSTOMER OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY, GAS**
22 **COMPANY, OR ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) FOR SERVICES REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION**
2 **SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER THAT SETS THE RATES FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS FOR**
3 **QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AT 10% LOWER THAN THE RATES FOR OTHER**
4 **RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2017.