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Proposed Bill No. 5931

LCO No. 2504



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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AN ACT REMOVING THE COMBINED PUBLIC BENEFIT CHARGE FROM UTILITY BILLS, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, LIMITING RATES ALLOWED UNDER CERTAIN POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND REMOVING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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 redefine "Class I renewable energy source" to include any electricity
- 5 generated from a hydropower or nuclear power generating facility, (3)
- 6 prohibit the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or
- 7 any electric distribution company from entering into a power purchase
- 8 agreement that provides for the purchase of electricity at a rate
- 9 exceeding one hundred fifty per cent above the wholesale price of
- 10 electricity, and (4) remove the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
- 11 from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) remove the "Combined Public Benefits Charge" from consumer electric bills, (2) redefine "Class I renewable energy source" to include electricity generated from any hydropower or nuclear power generating facility, (3) prohibit the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or electric distribution companies from entering into a power purchase agreement if the price for electricity under such agreement exceeds one hundred fifty per cent above the wholesale price of electricity, and (4) remove the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.