



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 246**

LCO No. 1599



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF NATURAL GAS RATES FOR  
COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of Energy and  
2 Environmental Protection shall conduct a study of natural gas rates,  
3 including, but not limited to, any applicable demand charges, for  
4 commercial and agricultural natural gas customers who have  
5 intermittent peak monthly demand to determine if a significant number  
6 of such customers are charged rates that do not fairly reflect such  
7 customers' use due to such demand charges. If the commissioner  
8 determines that such demand charges have the effect of unfairly  
9 increasing rates for such customers, the commissioner shall provide  
10 detailed recommendations concerning how such charges may be  
11 recalculated or otherwise applied to such customers. Not later than  
12 January 15, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance  
13 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, that contains  
14 such recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and  
16 technology.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to conduct a study of rates for commercial and agricultural natural gas customers who have intermittent peak monthly demand.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*