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Proposed Bill No. 5285

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONTRACTS, THE ORGANIZATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND STATE ENERGY POLICY.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) place a moratorium on
- 2 new energy contracts entered into by the Department of Energy and
- 3 Environmental Protection; (2) establish a process for the legislature to
- 4 assess the state's long-term energy goals to address high energy costs;
- 5 (3) separate the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority from the
- 6 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; (4) eliminate the
- 7 systems benefits charge and appropriate funds for programs currently
- 8 funded by such charge; and (5) establish a task force to study (A) the
- 9 state's role in expanding the use of natural gas for the generation of
- 10 electricity, (B) how the market serviced by each electric distribution
- 11 company may be reconstituted in order to be more accountable to
- 12 ratepayers and more responsive to ratepayer needs, and (C) the

13 introduction of competition in the electric transmission or distribution
14 services industry in the state, and to report its findings to the joint
15 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
16 matters relating to energy.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce electricity rates, create transparency in the funding of legislative policies and study ratepayer benefits of natural gas expansion and increased competition in the electric distribution market.