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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSERVATION ADJUSTMENT
MECHANISM AND COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 16-245m of the
2 general statutes, as amended by section 9 of public act 18-50, is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
4 *January 1, 2020*):

5 (d) (1) Not later than November 1, 2012, and every three years
6 thereafter, electric distribution companies, as defined in section 16-1, in
7 coordination with the gas companies, as defined in section 16-1, shall
8 submit to the Energy Conservation Management Board a combined
9 electric and gas Conservation and Load Management Plan, in
10 accordance with the provisions of this section, to implement cost-
11 effective energy conservation programs, demand management and
12 market transformation initiatives. All supply and conservation and
13 load management options shall be evaluated and selected within an
14 integrated supply and demand planning framework. Services
15 provided under the plan shall be available to all customers of electric

16 distribution companies and gas companies, provided a customer of an
17 electric distribution company may not be denied such services based
18 on the fuel such customer uses to heat such customer's home. The
19 Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise and assist the
20 electric distribution companies and gas companies in the development
21 of such plan. The Energy Conservation Management Board shall
22 approve the plan before transmitting it to the Commissioner of Energy
23 and Environmental Protection for approval. The commissioner shall, in
24 an uncontested proceeding during which the commissioner may hold
25 a public meeting, approve, modify or reject said plan prepared
26 pursuant to this subsection. Following approval by the commissioner,
27 the board shall assist the companies in implementing the plan and
28 collaborate with the Connecticut Green Bank to further the goals of the
29 plan. Said plan shall include a detailed budget sufficient to fund all
30 energy efficiency that is cost-effective or lower cost than acquisition of
31 equivalent supply, and shall be reviewed and approved by the
32 commissioner. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall, not
33 later than sixty days after the plan is approved by the commissioner,
34 ensure that the balance of revenues required to fund such plan is
35 provided through fully reconciling conservation adjustment
36 mechanisms. Electric distribution companies shall collect a
37 conservation adjustment mechanism that ensures the plan is fully
38 funded by collecting an amount that is not more than the sum of six
39 mills per kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each end use customer of
40 an electric distribution company during the three years of any
41 Conservation and Load Management Plan, provided any such
42 conservation adjustment mechanism shall only be applied to the first
43 _____ kilowatt hours of electricity sold to commercial and industrial end
44 use customers. The authority shall ensure that the revenues required to
45 fund such plan with regard to gas companies are provided through a
46 fully reconciling conservation adjustment mechanism for each gas
47 company of not more than the equivalent of four and six-tenth cents
48 per hundred cubic feet during the three years of any Conservation and
49 Load Management Plan. Said plan shall include steps that would be
50 needed to achieve the goal of weatherization of eighty per cent of the

51 state's residential units by 2030 and to reduce energy consumption by
52 1.6 million MMBtu, or the equivalent megawatts of electricity, as
53 defined in subdivision (4) of section 22a-197, annually each year for
54 calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2020, up to and
55 including calendar year 2025. Each program contained in the plan shall
56 be reviewed by such companies and accepted, modified or rejected by
57 the Energy Conservation Management Board prior to submission to
58 the commissioner for approval. The Energy Conservation Management
59 Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities to offer joint
60 programs providing similar efficiency measures that save more than
61 one fuel resource or otherwise to coordinate programs targeted at
62 saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint programs shall
63 be allocated equitably among the conservation programs. The Energy
64 Conservation Management Board shall give preference to projects that
65 maximize the reduction of federally mandated congestion charges.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2020	16-245m(d)(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To require that the conservation adjustment mechanism is only charged on the first ___ kilowatt-hours of monthly usage for commercial and industrial customers.

[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.]