

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE BILL NO. 727

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EMERY.

Pre-filed December 1, 2017, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time January 16, 2018, and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment.

Reported from the Committee February 15, 2018, with recommendation that the bill do pass.

Taken up for Perfection February 27, 2018. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the comprehensive state energy plan.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.3150, to read as follows:

620.3150. 1. The comprehensive state energy plan developed by the division of energy shall be reviewed by the division by January 1, 2020, and biennially thereafter, and updated if necessary, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2. The state's comprehensive state energy plan shall be reviewed to ensure that it:

7 (1) Is consistent with Article I, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution;

9 (2) Encourages private investment in energy solutions that will help customers better manage their energy bills and help reduce fuel costs while ensuring fairness;

12 (3) Develops free market strategies to attract private capital investment;

14 (4) Identifies and evaluates transportation alternatives;

15 (5) Creates an uncumbersome regulatory environment that allows the state's energy utilities to chart a vibrant changing future by 17 operating with greater efficiency, consumer flexibility, and reliability,

18 and that supports pricing that is predictable and sustainable;

19 (6) Supports public and private efforts to foster a supply of
20 energy to consumers that is abundant, reliable, and cost efficient; and

21 (7) Monitors areas of potential growth or development, including
22 forecasts of five and ten years for energy demand and supply,
23 infrastructure demands, and identification of additional costs, risks,
24 benefits, uncertainties, and market potential of energy supply resource
25 alternatives.

26 3. The division of energy, either directly or through contracting
27 with an organization that is qualified to adequately meet the
28 aforementioned goals, shall use a diverse stakeholder system through
29 both online engagement and in-person meetings throughout the state
30 to conduct the review.

31 4. A report shall be issued by the division of energy, along with
32 the review required under this section, that shall suggest policy
33 changes for the state that:

34 (1) Provide improved reliability of the energy systems within the
35 state;

36 (2) Insulate customers from volatility in market prices;

37 (3) Reduce the overall cost of energy in the state;

38 (4) Reasonably address public health and environmental impacts;
39 and

40 (5) Identify and analyze emerging trends in supply, price,
41 demand, and technology, as well as energy policies and programs that
42 impact the state.

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