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HOUSE BILL NO. 444

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 56-245.1:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to electric utilities; notice of renewable power options.

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 56-245.1:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 56-245.1:2. Customers to be notified of renewable power options.**

~~Beginning January 1, 2009,~~ at *At* least once each calendar quarter, each investor-owned electric utility in the Commonwealth shall include in or on the customer bills a notice directing them to a toll-free telephone number or ~~Internet~~ website that will provide information on ~~the~~ *all* options available to purchase electric energy *both* provided from renewable energy sources *by the utility and 100 percent renewable energy sources* from the utility or from any supplier of electric energy licensed to sell retail electric energy within the applicable service territory, pursuant to subdivision A 5 of § 56-577. The notice shall include instructions for purchasing electric energy from *both* renewable sources *provided by the utility and 100 percent renewable energy sources* from the utility or other licensed supplier of electric energy, *as well as information on each type and approximate percentage of renewable resource used to fulfill each option's electricity generation and the location of each generating source.* The option shall be exercisable, at the customer's option, either via the company's ~~Internet~~ website or toll-free telephone number. Each investor-owned electric utility shall also feature available options for purchasing electric energy from *both* renewable sources *and 100 percent renewable energy sources* prominently on its ~~Internet site~~ *website*.

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