

1 H.642

2 Introduced by Representative Wilson of Manchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Utilities; electric; residential rates; smart grid program

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit an electric company from
7 increasing the residential service rates of a customer solely because he or she
8 opts out of having a wireless smart meter installed.

9 An act relating to electric residential service rates

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 218(b)(4) is added to read:

12 (4) An electric distribution utility subject to rate regulation under this
13 chapter shall not increase a consumer's existing residential service rates solely
14 because the consumer chooses not to have a wireless smart meter installed at
15 his or her residence. For purposes of this subdivision, a "wireless smart meter"
16 means an advanced metering infrastructure device using radio or other wireless
17 means for two-way communication between the device and an electric
18 company.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.