

HOUSE BILL 648

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Home Energy Programs – Uniform Redetermination Process – Age**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the age at which certain eligible energy customers qualify for
4 a certain redetermination process for enrollment in energy assistance programs; and
5 generally relating to the Office of Home Energy Programs and energy assistance
6 programs.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Human Services

9 Section 5–5A–09(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Human Services**

15 5–5A–09.

16 (a) (1) The Office shall develop a uniform redetermination process to assist
17 eligible energy customers who are at least [65] **60** years old in enrolling in energy
18 assistance programs.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) The redetermination process developed under paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection shall be updated annually.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.