

**SB0423/464536/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 423

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rosapepe” and substitute “Rosapepe, and Hogan”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 14 down through “circumstances” in line 16, and substitute “requiring that certain disputes between an electric company and a local government be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; providing that certain requirements applicable to a person performing certain activities in proximity to a high voltage line do not apply to a local government performing maintenance on street lighting equipment owned by the local government; requiring certain maintenance activities to be performed and certain persons to be qualified in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code”.

On page 2, in line 3, after “6-102” insert “and 6-107”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 strike beginning with “SAME” in line 11 down through “PROVIDED” in line 12 and substitute “MEANING STATED”.

On page 3, after line 8, insert:

**“(3) ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN AN ELECTRIC COMPANY AND A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARISING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR RESOLUTION.”;**

in line 14, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “; OR” in line 17 down through “EQUIPMENT” in line 19; and after line 19, insert:

“6-107.

(Over)

(A) [Whenever] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, WHENEVER an activity listed under § 6–106 of this title is to be performed within 10 feet of a high voltage line, the person responsible for performing the activity shall:

(1) promptly notify the owner or operator of the high voltage line of the activity to be performed;

(2) make any appropriate arrangements with the owner or operator of the high voltage line to carry out any safety measures required by item (3) of this section; and

(3) with any necessary cooperation from and subject to any necessary agreement with the owner or operator of the high voltage line, ensure that the high voltage line has been effectively guarded against accidental contact by:

(i) installing physical barriers to prevent physical contact with the high voltage line;

(ii) relocating the high voltage line; or

(iii) de-energizing and grounding the high voltage line.

(B) IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT OWNS STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT PERFORMS MAINTENANCE THAT INVOLVES AN ACTIVITY LISTED IN § 6-106 OF THIS TITLE WITHIN 10 FEET OF A HIGH VOLTAGE LINE, THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMING THE ACTIVITY SHALL:

(1) COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE; AND

**(2) BE QUALIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALIFICATION STANDARDS DEFINED IN THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 3, in line 21, strike "October" and substitute "June".