

# HOUSE BILL 1486

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Solar Photovoltaic Systems – Lockout Tag Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a company that installs solar photovoltaic systems to install  
4 a certain lockout tag containing a safety warning under certain circumstances;  
5 requiring a certain company to provide a certain customer with a certain lockout tag  
6 for a solar photovoltaic system that has previously been installed; providing for the  
7 enforcement of this Act; establishing a penalty for certain violations of this Act;  
8 specifying that a local government shall retain certain funds; defining certain terms;  
9 and generally relating to safety warnings for solar photovoltaic installations.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety

12 Section 12–705

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **12–705.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “KNIFE BLADE DISCONNECT SWITCH BOX” MEANS A CONTROL**  
22 **PANEL FOR A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION AT A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

23 **(3) “LOCKOUT TAG” MEANS A TAG THAT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I)     SEALS A KNIFE BLADE DISCONNECT SWITCH BOX CLOSED;**

2                   **(II)    IS ATTACHED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE KNIFE BLADE**  
3 **DISCONNECT SWITCH BOX WITH A METAL OR PLASTIC STRAP; AND**

4                   **(III)   INCLUDES A SAFETY WARNING ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR**  
5 **ELECTROCUTION IF AN INDIVIDUAL REMOVES THE LOCKOUT TAG OR TOUCHES THE**  
6 **CONTENTS OF THE KNIFE BLADE DISCONNECT SWITCH BOX.**

7           **(B)   (1)   A COMPANY THAT INSTALLS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS**  
8 **SHALL INSTALL A LOCKOUT TAG AT EACH RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION AT THE TIME**  
9 **OF INSTALLATION.**

10                   **(2)    A COMPANY THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED A SOLAR**  
11 **PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM ON A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHALL PROVIDE THE**  
12 **CUSTOMER WITH A LOCKOUT TAG WITH DIRECTIONS ON HOW THE LOCKOUT TAG**  
13 **SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE KNIFE BLADE DISCONNECT SWITCH BOX.**

14           **(C)   (1)   A COMPANY THAT INSTALLS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS**  
15 **SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF AT LEAST \$100 BUT**  
16 **NOT MORE THAN \$500 IF THE COMPANY FAILS TO:**

17                   **(I)     INSTALL A LOCKOUT TAG ON A NEW INSTALLATION; OR**

18                   **(II)    PROVIDE TO A CUSTOMER A LOCKOUT TAG FOR A SOLAR**  
19 **PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM THAT THE COMPANY PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED.**

20                   **(2)    THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO INSPECT A SOLAR**  
21 **PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE CODE STANDARDS**  
22 **SHALL ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

23                   **(3)    THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT PERFORMS OR OVERSEES THE**  
24 **INSPECTION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL RETAIN**  
25 **ANY PENALTY COLLECTED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

26           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2018.