

HOUSE BILL 174

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By: **Delegate Brooks**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Investor-Owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain investor-owned gas, electric, or combination gas and
4 electric companies to require certain contractors and subcontractors to pay their
5 employees not less than the prevailing wage rate for certain projects; and generally
6 relating to investor-owned utilities and the prevailing wage.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 5–305

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – State Finance and Procurement

14 Section 17–201(h)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

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 **5-305.**

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A PROJECT BY AN INVESTOR-OWNED GAS
3 COMPANY, ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR COMBINATION GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
4 INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, DEMOLITION,
5 RESTORATION, OR ALTERATION OF ANY UNDERGROUND GAS OR ELECTRIC
6 INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY, AND ANY RELATED TRAFFIC CONTROL
7 ACTIVITIES.

8 (B) AN INVESTOR-OWNED GAS COMPANY, ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR
9 COMBINATION GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR OR
10 SUBCONTRACTOR ON A PROJECT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
11 TO PAY ITS EMPLOYEES NOT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED
12 BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF
13 THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 17-201.

16 (h) “Prevailing wage rate” means the hourly rate of wages paid in the locality as
17 determined by the Commissioner under § 17-208 of this subtitle.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.