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By: Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental -

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1 AN ACT concerning

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A BILL ENTITLED

2	Electric	Regulation - High	Voltage Lines

- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the defined term "high voltage line" so as to exempt
- 4 certain electrical cables from provisions of law relating to high voltage lines; and
- 5 generally relating to certain safety measures in connection with high voltage
- 6 lines.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Labor and Employment
- 9 Section 6-101
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
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- 13 Article Labor and Employment
- 14 Section 6-102 through 6-110, inclusive
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article - Labor and Employment

- 20 6-101.
- 21 (A) In this title, "high voltage line" means an electric line that:
- 22 (1) is installed above ground level; and
- 23 (2) has a voltage of more than 750 volts:
- 24 (i) between conductors; or

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1		(11)	from a conductor to a ground.
2 3	(B) "HIGH INHERENTLY SAFI		GE LINE" DOES NOT INCLUDE CABLES THAT ARE USE THE CABLES:
		NATION	OVERED WITH A CONTINUOUS AUXILIARY SEMICONDUCTOR WITH SUITABLE METALLIC DRAINAGE AND SUPPORTED ON WITH AN EFFECTIVELY GROUNDED BARE MESSENGER;
		OR 2.9 K	ISULATED, NONSHIELDED, OPERATED AT NOT OVER 5 KV XV PHASE-TO-GROUND, AND SUPPORTED ON AND CABLED ECTIVELY GROUNDED BARE MESSENGER; OR
	(3) MEANS SET FORT STANDARDS FOR	H IN TH	DE THE NECESSARY ELECTRICAL SAFETY BY ALTERNATIVE E MOST RECENT NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE ABLES.
13	6-102.		
14	This title does no	ot apply to	0:
	(1) private company or c own use; or		ntenance or repair of an electric power plant or system that a on owns or operates for production of electricity for its
		and asso	struction, maintenance, or operation of a high voltage line and ciated equipment by a public utility that the Public s or an agent or contractor of the utility.
21	6-103.		
22 23	Until determined above ground level, t		se from the owner or operator of an electric line that is ic line is presumed:
24	(1)	to be en	ergized on and at all times after installation or erection; and
25	(2)	to have	a voltage of more than 750 volts.
26	6-104.		
27	The Division of l	Labor and	d Industry shall administer and enforce this title.
28	6-105.		
31	is denied access after the owner, lessee, or	the indivother per	lividual who is authorized to inspect property in the State vidual makes a proper request for access to inspect to rson in charge of the property, the individual may apply ministrative search warrant under this title.
33	(b) Each ap	plication	under this section shall:

a flagpole;

machinery;

material;

tools; or

other apparatus.

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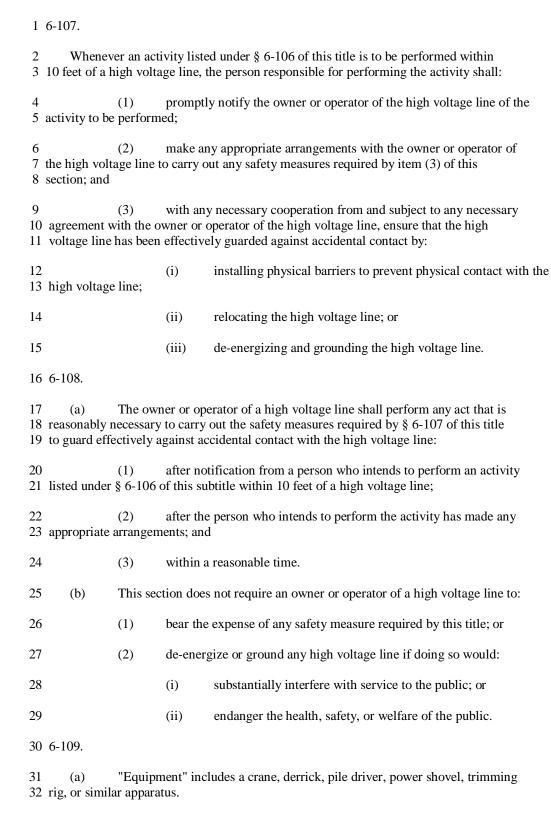
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- 1 (b) This section applies to any equipment if all or any part of the equipment 2 may be used near any high voltage line. The owner, lessee, or user of any equipment to which this section applies 3 4 shall become acquainted and acquaint its employees with this title and regulations 5 adopted to carry out this title. 6 The owner, lessee, or user of any equipment to which this section (d) (1) 7 applies shall keep a warning sign posted: on the equipment in clear view of its operator while at the 8 (i) 9 controls of the equipment; 10 (ii) on the outside of the equipment in clear view of each individual 11 helping the operator from outside of the equipment; and 12 (iii) on the boom of each crane or derrick so that, when the boom is 13 raised, the sign is at the eye level of the operator. 14 Each sign shall state, in lettering that is legible from a distance of at 15 least 12 feet: "Unlawful to operate this equipment within 10 feet of any electric wire". Each sign shall be permanent and weather resistant. 16 (3) 17 6-110.
- A person who fails to comply with or violates any provision of this title is guilty
- 19 of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or
- 20 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.
- 21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 22 effect October 1, 2004.