

# HOUSE BILL 1043

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities – Approval for Construction or**  
3 **Operation – Prince George's County**

4 **PG 423–08**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas  
6 facility without the approval of the Public Service Commission; prohibiting the  
7 Public Service Commission from granting regulatory approval for the  
8 construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility in Prince George's  
9 County that is located within a certain distance of a residence; and generally  
10 relating to liquefied natural gas facilities.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Public Utility Companies  
13 Section 11–101  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

19 11–101.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) “Liquefied natural gas” means natural gas cooled to form a liquid  
22 at approximately atmospheric pressure.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3) “Liquefied natural gas facility” means any facility used to produce,  
2 store, or regasify liquefied natural gas.

3           (b) The Commission shall adopt regulations to ensure to the greatest extent  
4 practicable the operational safety of liquefied natural gas facilities.

5           (c) (1) The Commission shall inspect periodically each liquefied natural  
6 gas facility to ensure compliance with the regulations adopted under subsection (b) of  
7 this section.

8           (2) Inspections shall be conducted at intervals the Commission  
9 determines necessary.

10          (d) The Commission may enforce [these] **THE** regulations by any method  
11 provided in § 2–117(a), § 13–201, or § 13–205 of this article.

12          (e) **(1) A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY MAY NOT BE**  
13 **CONSTRUCTED OR OPERATED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.**

14           **(2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT GRANT ANY APPROVAL FOR THE**  
15 **CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY IF THE**  
16 **FACILITY IS TO BE LOCATED:**

17                   **(I) IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY; AND**

18                   **(II) WITHIN 2 MILES OF ANY RESIDENCE IN PRINCE**  
19 **GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

20          **(F)** The Commission may enter into agreements with federal units as  
21 necessary to carry out this section.

22          **[(f)] (G)** This section does not expand the definition of “public service  
23 company” in § 1–101 of this article.

24          **[(g)] (H)** A person who violates a regulation that the Commission adopts  
25 under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not  
26 exceeding \$10,000 for each day the violation continues, and imprisonment not  
27 exceeding 1 year.

28          **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2008.