

# SENATE BILL 479

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Della**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Assessment Resulting From Default of Payments From**  
3 **Financial Speculation**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an electric company to pay a certain sum from its  
5 corporate earnings, but prohibiting the electric company from recovering the  
6 sum from its customers under certain circumstances; making this Act an  
7 emergency measure; and generally relating to the payment of certain money by  
8 an electric company in Maryland.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Public Utility Companies  
11 Section 7–106  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

17 **7–106.**

18 **IF AN ELECTRIC COMPANY IS ASSESSED A SUM OF MONEY BY PJM**  
19 **INTERCONNECTION, L.L.C., TO OFFSET LOSSES CAUSED BY A DEFAULT BY A**  
20 **FINANCIAL SPECULATOR, THE ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY PAY THE SUM FROM ITS**  
21 **CORPORATE EARNINGS BUT MAY NOT SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVER THE SUM FROM**  
22 **ITS CUSTOMERS THROUGH ELECTRIC RATES OR OTHERWISE.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
24 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
2 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
3 the date it is enacted.