

# HOUSE BILL 440

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Economic Matters/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates Kramer and Fraser-Hidalgo**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Installation of Solar Electric Generating Facility –**  
3 **Completion of Interconnection**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company, subject to a certain provision, to  
5 complete interconnection of a customer-generator's solar electric generating facility  
6 with the electric company's distribution facilities by providing acceptance and final  
7 approval to operate within a certain period after completion of a certain installation  
8 process; requiring an electric company to complete certain interconnection  
9 requirements for a certain percentage of installation processes completed during a  
10 certain time in the electric company's service territory; specifying that the  
11 installation process includes an approved interconnection application, completion of  
12 the installation of the solar electric generating facility and certain required system  
13 upgrades, and completion of all necessary paperwork and documentation;  
14 authorizing the Public Service Commission to waive a certain requirement under

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
2 interconnection of a customer-generator's solar electric generating facility.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
4 Article – Public Utilities  
5 Section 7–306.1  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Public Utilities**

11 7–306.1.

12 (a) A person who is negotiating a contract with an eligible customer-generator to  
13 install a solar electric generating facility on the customer-generator's property that the  
14 customer-generator owns and operates, leases and operates, or contracts with a third party  
15 that owns and operates and that requires interconnection with an electric company's  
16 distribution facilities:

17 (1) shall submit to the customer-generator's electric company a completed  
18 application for interconnection of the solar electric generating facility with the electric  
19 company's distribution facilities;

20 (2) before receiving the electric company's approval of the application  
21 submitted under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

22 (i) may accept payment from the customer-generator in connection  
23 with the contract; but

24 (ii) may not begin installation of the solar electric generating facility  
25 on the customer-generator's property;

26 (3) shall notify the customer-generator of the electric company's approval  
27 or disapproval of the application submitted under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

28 (4) if the electric company disapproves the application submitted under  
29 paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall fully refund any payment from the  
30 customer-generator under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection.

31 (b) On request of a person under subsection (a)(1) of this section, an electric  
32 company shall process an application submitted under subsection (a)(1) of this section and  
33 notify the person whether the application is approved or disapproved in accordance with a  
34 process and time frame specified in regulations adopted by the Commission.

1 (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "INSTALLATION PROCESS" INCLUDES:

2 (I) AN APPROVED APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER  
3 SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION;

4 (II) COMPLETION OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE  
5 CUSTOMER-GENERATOR'S SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY AND ANY  
6 REQUIRED ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES; AND

7 (III) COMPLETION OF ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND  
8 DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING A SIGNED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT,  
9 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, AND AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE.

10 (2) ~~AN (I)~~ SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
11 PARAGRAPH, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL COMPLETE INTERCONNECTION OF  
12 ISSUE ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL APPROVAL TO OPERATE A  
13 CUSTOMER-GENERATOR'S SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY WITH ON THE  
14 ELECTRIC COMPANY'S DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES BY PROVIDING ACCEPTANCE AND  
15 FINAL APPROVAL TO OPERATE WITHIN 20 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING  
16 NOTICE OF THE COMPLETION OF THE INSTALLATION PROCESS THE COMPLETION OF  
17 THE INSTALLATION PROCESS AND RECEIPT OF THE PAPERWORK AND  
18 DOCUMENTATION SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

19 (II) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL COMPLETE THE  
20 INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
21 PARAGRAPH FOR AT LEAST 90% OF INSTALLATION PROCESSES COMPLETED DURING  
22 THE YEAR IN THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

23 (3) THE COMMISSION MAY TEMPORARILY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS  
24 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S SERVICE  
25 TERRITORY ON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2016.