

# HOUSE BILL 851

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Construction of Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Systems – Clear-Cutting –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of defining the term “clear-cut”; prohibiting a person from  
5 clear-cutting an area of a certain size to make room for a commercial solar  
6 photovoltaic system; and generally relating to solar photovoltaic systems.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 7–207.3

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Utilities**

15 **7–207.3.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CLEAR-CUT” MEANS THE UNIFORM FELLING OF**  
17 **TREES IN A GIVEN AREA.**

18 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT CLEAR-CUT AN AREA EQUAL TO OR LARGER THAN**  
19 **ONE-HALF ACRE TO MAKE ROOM FOR A COMMERCIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC**  
20 **SYSTEM.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



