

# HOUSE BILL 227

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By: **Delegates Adams and Crosby**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Corporations and Associations – Electric Cooperatives – Nonesheat Capital**  
3 **Credits**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative  
5 and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; authorizing an  
6 electric cooperative to use this money only for certain purposes; and generally  
7 relating to electric cooperatives and nonesheat capital credits.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Commercial Law  
10 Section 17–304(b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Commercial Law  
15 Section 17–304(g)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Corporations and Associations  
20 Section 5–601(a) and (c) and 5–605  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland

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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.



(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Corporations and Associations

Section 5–650.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

**Article – Commercial Law**

17–304.

(b) Any stock or other certificate of ownership, or any dividend, profit, distribution, interest, payment on principal, or other sum held by a business association for or to a shareholder, certificate holder, member, bondholder or other security holder, or participating patron of a cooperative is presumed abandoned 3 years after the later of:

(1) The date the holder is deemed to no longer have a valid address for the owner of the property; or

(2) The date the owner last communicated with the business association regarding the property if:

(i) It is held by a business association organized under the laws of or created in this State;

(ii) It is held by a business association doing business in this State but not organized under the laws of this State, and the records of the business association indicate that the last known address of the person entitled to it is in this State; or

(iii) It is held by a business association not doing business in this State and not organized under the laws of this State, but the records of the business association indicate that the last known address of the person entitled to it is in this State.

(g) This section does not apply to [any]:

**(1) ANY** stock or other intangible ownership interest enrolled in a plan that provides for the automatic reinvestment of dividends, distributions, or other sums payable as a result of the interest unless the records available to the Administrator of the plan show, with respect to any intangible ownership interest not enrolled in the reinvestment plan, that:

**[(1)] (I)** The holder is deemed to no longer have a valid address for the owner of the stock or other intangible ownership interest; or



1                   **(2) MAKE DONATIONS TO NONPROFIT, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**  
2 **APPROVED BY THE COOPERATIVE’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

3                   **(C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO RELIEVE A**  
4 **COOPERATIVE OF THE OBLIGATION TO REFUND NONESCHEAT CAPITAL CREDITS ON**  
5 **APPLICATION OF A PAST MEMBER.**

6                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.