

HOUSE BILL 739

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CF SB 478

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Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Solar Energy Generating Stations – Local Approval**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving a certificate
4 of public convenience and necessity for a solar energy generating station unless the
5 Commission receives written approval for the construction of the generating station
6 from each county or municipal corporation where the generating station is proposed
7 to be located; and generally relating to solar energy generating stations.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Utilities

10 Section 7–207(i)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Utilities**

16 7–207.

17 **(I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COMMISSION**
18 **MAY NOT APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR**
19 **A SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING STATION UNLESS EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL**
20 **CORPORATION WHERE ANY PORTION OF THE GENERATING STATION IS PROPOSED**
21 **TO BE LOCATED HAS GIVEN WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE**
22 **GENERATING STATION TO THE COMMISSION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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