

# HOUSE BILL 1329

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Energy Generation and Transmission**

3 FOR the purpose of stating the authority to construct, permit, and operate in the State an  
4 energy generating system that produces energy from natural gas; authorizing  
5 investor–owned electric companies and electricity suppliers in the State to construct,  
6 acquire, or lease, and operate, their own generating facilities and construct, acquire,  
7 or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities; repealing the authority of the  
8 Public Service Commission to allow an investor–owned electric company to  
9 construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own generating facilities or construct,  
10 acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities under certain  
11 circumstances; stating the General Assembly’s support for the development of  
12 additional nuclear energy in the State; stating that the General Assembly  
13 encourages PJM Interconnection, LLC to provide an expedited interconnection  
14 process for new thermal generation resources in the State; and generally relating to  
15 energy generation and transmission in the State.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Public Utilities

18 Section 7–218

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Public Utilities

23 Section 7–510(c)(6)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Public Utilities**

4 **7–218.**

5 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AND SUBJECT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS THAT PRODUCE  
7 ENERGY FROM NATURAL GAS MAY BE CONSTRUCTED, PERMITTED, AND OPERATED  
8 IN THE STATE.

9 (B) A PERSON CONSTRUCTING AN ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM UNDER  
10 THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE RELATING  
11 TO REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN:

12 (1) A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; OR

13 (2) COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
14 GENERATING SYSTEM.

15 7–510.

16 (c) (6) (I) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS  
17 TITLE, AN INVESTOR–OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANY OR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER MAY:

18 1. CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE, ITS  
19 OWN GENERATING FACILITIES; AND

20 2. CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE, ITS  
21 OWN TRANSMISSION FACILITIES NECESSARY TO INTERCONNECT THE GENERATING  
22 FACILITIES WITH THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM.

23 (II) [In] IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT IT IS  
24 NECESSARY IN order to meet long–term, anticipated demand in the State for standard  
25 offer service and other electricity supply, the Commission may require [or allow], SUBJECT  
26 TO APPROPRIATE COST RECOVERY, an investor–owned electric company to:

27 1. construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own  
28 generating facilities[,]; and

29 2. CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE, ITS  
30 OWN transmission facilities necessary to interconnect the generating facilities with the  
31 electric [grid, subject to appropriate cost recovery] SYSTEM.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

2 (1) the General Assembly supports the development of additional nuclear  
3 energy in the State, including small modular reactors and the combination of nuclear  
4 energy and energy produced from natural gas, for reliable clean energy in the State; and

5 (2) the General Assembly encourages PJM Interconnection, LLC to provide  
6 an expedited interconnection process for new thermal generation resources in the State.

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2025.