

# SENATE BILL 643

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Energy Generation**

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; stating the  
5 General Assembly’s support for the development of additional nuclear energy in the  
6 State; stating that the General Assembly encourages PJM Interconnection, LLC to  
7 provide an expedited interconnection process for new thermal generation resources  
8 in the State; and generally relating to energy generation in the State.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Utilities

11 Section 7–218

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 **7–218.**

18 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AND SUBJECT TO**  
19 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS THAT PRODUCE**  
20 **ENERGY FROM NATURAL GAS MAY BE CONSTRUCTED, PERMITTED, AND OPERATED**  
21 **IN THE STATE.**

22 **(B) A PERSON CONSTRUCTING AN ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM UNDER**  
23 **THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE RELATING**  
24 **TO REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2           **(2) COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE**  
3 **GENERATING SYSTEM.**

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

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

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

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