

HOUSE BILL 799

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HB 1219/25 – ECM

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Maryland Co-Location Energy Innovation and Reliability Act

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations related
4 to the construction of a generating station that is co-located with a data center but
5 is not interconnected with the electric transmission system or electric distribution
6 system; and generally relating to the co-location of data centers with generating
7 stations.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Utilities

10 Section 7-207.6

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utilities

16 **7-207.6.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “CONSTRUCTION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-207 OF THIS
20 SUBTITLE.

21 (3) “DATA CENTER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-239 OF THE
22 TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A GENERATING STATION THAT:

4 (1) INCLUDES THE CO-LOCATION OF A DATA CENTER WITH THE
5 STATION; AND

6 (2) DOES NOT INTERCONNECT WITH THE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
7 SYSTEM OR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

8 (c) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
9 SPECIFIC POLICIES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GENERATING STATION
10 UNDER THIS SECTION.

11 (D) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION
12 SHALL:

26 (5) REQUIRE A GENERATING STATION TO INCLUDE CYBERSECURITY
27 SAFEGUARDS:

4 (II) COMPLY WITH ALL RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS;
5 AND

10 (I) THE SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF ENERGY USED AT THE
11 GENERATING STATION:

12 (II) THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE GENERATING
13 STATION;

16 (IV) COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE
17 GENERATING STATION.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2026.