

# SENATE BILL 986

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SB 636/23 – EEE

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CF HB 1459

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By: **Senator McKay**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2026

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Stationary Energy Storage Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an owner or operator of a stationary energy storage system  
4 to pay for certain fire response training and equipment for certain local fire  
5 departments with certain fire suppression responsibilities; requiring the State Fire  
6 Marshal to administer and enforce this Act; and generally relating to battery energy  
7 storage system safety.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 12–707

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 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:

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **12–707.**

17 **(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN OWNER OR**  
18 **OPERATOR OF A STATIONARY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM SHALL PAY FOR**  
19 **SPECIALIZED FIRE RESPONSE TRAINING, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT FOR**  
20 **BATTERY ENERGY FIRE SUPPRESSION, FOR EACH LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT**  
21 **HAS FIRE SUPPRESSION RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE STATIONARY**  
22 **ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM IS LOCATED.**

23 **(2) THE FIRE RESPONSE TRAINING PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH**  
24 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 855 STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STATIONARY**  
2 **ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.**

3 **(B) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL:**

4 **(1) SHALL ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THIS SECTION; AND**

5 **(2) MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
7 **October 1, 2026.**