



# SYNOPSIS

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## **SENATE BILL INTRODUCED *February 23, 2026***

### **SB 1000 Senator Ferguson**

#### **CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTERS**

Expanding the application of certain requirements for the construction of certain overhead transmission lines to include certain other transmission lines; requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations to establish specific criteria for making the determination to waive, for good cause, the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity in certain circumstances; prohibiting the construction of a data center in certain development districts in Baltimore City; etc.

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PU, § 7-207(b)(3) and (4), (c) through (f), and (h) - amended and RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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