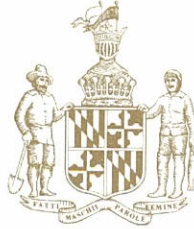


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RE: HB 1207- Electric Companies-Conduit Installation-Single Family-Detached Developments Support with Amendment

Dear Chairman Davis,

Thanks for the opportunity to present HB 1207- Electric Companies-Conduit Installation-Single Family-Detached Developments.

History:

- Pre-2007 Standard practice was for SMECO to provide the conduit for the road crossings at their expense. The Developer/Builder would install the conduit at the road crossing locations provided by SMECO.
- In 2007 SMECO received authority from the Utility commission to pass the cost of the conduit onto the Developer/Builder.
- Prior to August 2018 SMECO required conduit for road crossings only.
- August 2018 SMECO institutes a 100% conduit policy for "urban development".
- This new policy adds significant costs to the Developers/Builders & Homeowners.

Why it's Needed:

This bill simply asks for a portion of time (4 years, 10 months) for home builders with projects in the works in the service area of the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative to complete their projects before the "Total Conduit Environment" required by SMECO and started in 2018.

The bill sunsets on July 31, 2025.

I respectfully ask the committee for a Favorable report.

Thank you,


Matt Morgan
Delegate