

Position Statement

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HB 581: Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) has reviewed *House Bill 581: Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act.* BGE appreciates this effort to support the state's essential workforce. In fact, we have proactively implemented several of the bill's requirements to support our own employees.

For example, we have taken steps to ensure our employees have safe and hygienic workspaces; appropriate personal protective equipment; sanitation protocols; and paid health and bereavement leave.

However, some specific provisions of the legislation are unclear and potentially concerning. Accordingly, if the Economic Maters Committee intends to convene a workgroup to seek consensus on the legislation, BGE requests an opportunity to participate.