

# HOUSE BILL 1103

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Reliability Standards and Annual Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company to include in a certain annual report the  
4 location of feeders in the service territory of the electric company that have  
5 experienced frequent service interruptions and to develop a plan to reduce frequent  
6 service interruptions; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish, in  
7 consultation with the Office of People’s Counsel and other entities, electric service  
8 quality and reliability standards in a certain manner by a certain date; and generally  
9 relating to electric companies and service.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Public Utilities  
12 Section 7–213(a) and (g)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Utilities**

18 7–213.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) (i) “Eligible reliability measure” means a replacement of or an  
21 improvement in existing infrastructure of an electric company that:

22 1. is made on or after June 1, 2014;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1 (iii) an assessment of the results and effectiveness of the reliability  
2 objectives, planned actions and projects, programs, and load studies in achieving an  
3 acceptable reliability level; [and]

4 (iv) annual information that the Commission determines necessary  
5 to assess the electric company's efforts to maintain reliable electric service to all customers  
6 in the electric company's service territory, including:

7 1. current year expenditures, labor resource hours, and  
8 progress measures for each capital and maintenance program designed to support the  
9 maintenance of reliable electric service;

10 2. the number of outages by outage type;

11 3. the number of outages by outage cause;

12 4. the total number of customers that experienced an outage;

13 5. the total customer minutes of outage time; and

14 6. to the extent practicable, a breakdown, by the number of  
15 days each customer was without electric service, of the number of customers that  
16 experienced an outage;

17 **(V) THE LOCATION OF FEEDERS IN THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF**  
18 **THE ELECTRIC COMPANY THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED FREQUENT SERVICE**  
19 **INTERRUPTIONS; AND**

20 **(VI) A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE FREQUENT**  
21 **SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS AND IMPROVE LONG-TERM ELECTRIC SERVICE QUALITY**  
22 **AND RELIABILITY OF FEEDERS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED FREQUENT SERVICE**  
23 **INTERRUPTIONS.**

24 (3) At the request of an electric company, the Commission shall hold a  
25 hearing to discuss the annual performance report of the electric company.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2024,  
27 the Public Service Commission shall, in consultation with the Office of People's Counsel,  
28 staff of the Public Service Commission, electric companies, and participating counties,  
29 municipal corporations, and communities, establish by order or regulation electric service  
30 quality and reliability standards necessary to implement this Act.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2023.