

HOUSE BILL 1387

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Relations – Natural Gas Infrastructure – Notice of Work**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a natural gas company to provide notice of certain work on
4 natural gas infrastructure in a certain manner; requiring a natural gas company to
5 maintain a record of certain notice; and generally relating to natural gas
6 infrastructure.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 7–311

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Utilities**

15 **7–311.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE” INCLUDES THE**
17 **INSTALLATION OF:**

18 **(1) A COMPRESSOR STATION;**

19 **(2) AN EXPORT FACILITY;**

20 **(3) A LIQUEFACTION FACILITY;**

21 **(4) AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(5) A PIPELINE; AND**

2 **(6) A POWER PLANT.**

3 **(B) ONCE IN EACH OF THE 4 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE**
4 **BEGINNING WORK ON NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, A GAS COMPANY SHALL**
5 **PROVIDE WEEKLY NOTICE OF THE WORK THAT WILL BE PERFORMED:**

6 **(1) BY ADVERTISEMENT IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION**
7 **IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION;**

8 **(2) ON TWO TYPES OF SOCIAL MEDIA; AND**

9 **(3) ON THE GAS COMPANY'S WEBSITE.**

10 **(C) A GAS COMPANY SHALL KEEP ON ITS WEBSITE A RECORD OF THE NOTICE**
11 **PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2018.