

SENATE BILL 353

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By: **Senator Hershey**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Installation of Solar Electric Generating Facility – New**
3 **Interconnection Agreement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a person who is negotiating a certain solar installation and
5 interconnection contract with a customer to contact the customer's electric company
6 to determine whether the electric company is accepting new interconnection
7 agreements in the customer's property area and to notify the customer of this
8 determination before the contract is executed; requiring an electric company, on
9 request of a certain person, to provide certain information regarding the ability of
10 the distribution system to accept a new interconnection; and generally relating to a
11 new interconnection agreement for the installation of a solar electric generating
12 facility.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Public Utilities

15 Section 7–306.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Public Utilities**

21 **7–306.1.**

22 **(A) A PERSON WHO IS NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH A CUSTOMER TO**
23 **INSTALL AND OPERATE A SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY ON THE**
24 **CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S**
25 **TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) CONTACT THE CUSTOMER'S ELECTRIC COMPANY TO DETERMINE**
2 **WHETHER THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IS ACCEPTING NEW INTERCONNECTION**
3 **AGREEMENTS IN THE CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY AREA; AND**

4 **(2) NOTIFY THE CUSTOMER OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S ABILITY TO**
5 **ACCEPT NEW INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS IN THE CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY**
6 **AREA BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS EXECUTED.**

7 **(B) ON REQUEST OF A PERSON UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS**
8 **SECTION, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE**
9 **ABILITY OF A SPECIFIC LOCATION ON THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO ACCEPT A NEW**
10 **INTERCONNECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2015.