

SENATE BILL 606

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Companies – Gas – Prohibition on Purchase from Unsafe**
3 **Company**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public service company from purchasing gas for
5 distribution from a company that has not installed certain safety equipment on
6 gas transmission lines under its ownership or control, that does not employ
7 certain best practices and technology, or that does not comply with all
8 applicable State and federal safety standards and reporting requirements; and
9 generally relating to the purchase of gas by a public service company.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Public Utilities
12 Section 5–303
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Utilities**

18 5–303.

19 **(A)** A public service company shall furnish equipment, services, and facilities
20 that are safe, adequate, just, reasonable, economical, and efficient, considering the
21 conservation of natural resources and the quality of the environment.

22 **(B) A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY MAY NOT PURCHASE GAS FOR**
23 **DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ITS SYSTEM FROM A COMPANY THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) HAS NOT INSTALLED AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF VALVES OR**
2 **REMOTE CONTROLLED SECTIONALIZED BLOCK VALVES ON GAS TRANSMISSION**
3 **LINES UNDER ITS OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL;**

4 **(2) DOES NOT EMPLOY BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGY,**
5 **INCLUDING IN-LINE INSPECTION DEVICES, FOR MONITORING THE SAFETY OF**
6 **GAS TRANSMISSION LINES UNDER ITS OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL; OR**

7 **(3) DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND**
8 **FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2013.