

# SENATE BILL 749

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Electrical Service Restoration Plan**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date each year, an electric  
4 company to submit a certain electrical service restoration plan to the Public  
5 Service Commission for a certain purpose; requiring the plan to address certain  
6 matters; requiring the Commission to review the plan and take certain actions;  
7 requiring, on or before a certain date each year, the Commission to issue final  
8 approval of the plan; requiring the Commission to use all powers and authority  
9 to enforce this Act; and generally relating to the creation of an electrical service  
10 restoration plan.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Public Utilities  
13 Section 7–213  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2010 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Public Utilities**

19 **7–213.**

20 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
21 **SHALL SUBMIT AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE RESTORATION PLAN TO THE**  
22 **COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR THE RESTORATION OF**  
23 **ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN THE EVENT OF AN EXTENDED DISRUPTION TO**  
24 **ELECTRICAL SERVICE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE RESTORATION PLAN SHALL ADDRESS:**

2                   **(1) THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND**

3                   **(2) THE PRIORITY OF RESTORATION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO:**

4                           **(I) CRITICAL FACILITIES;**

5                           **(II) INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELDERLY OR DISABLED;**

6                           **(III) INDIVIDUALS WHO RELY ON ELECTRICALLY POWERED**  
7 **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT;**

8                           **(IV) MINIMIZE ECONOMIC HARM WITHIN THE ELECTRIC**  
9 **COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY; AND**

10                           **(V) RESTORE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ELECTRICAL**  
11 **SERVICE IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME.**

12           **(C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S**  
13 **ELECTRICAL SERVICE RESTORATION PLAN AND APPROVE THE PLAN OR**  
14 **REQUIRE THE ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MAKE CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
15 **ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION.**

16                   **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE**  
17 **COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE FINAL APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S**  
18 **ELECTRICAL SERVICE RESTORATION PLAN.**

19           **(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL USE ALL APPROPRIATE POWERS AND**  
20 **AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION.**

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 2011.