

SENATE BILL 1157

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

Introduced and read first time: March 7, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Company – Easement – Policy and Notice for Performing Work**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each public service company to establish certain policies and
4 procedures; requiring that a certain policy and procedures provide that a public
5 service company that has not entered onto property subject to a certain easement
6 within a certain period of time to provide a certain notice to the property owner of
7 land subject to a certain easement before performing any work on the property; and
8 generally relating to public service companies.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Utilities

11 Section 5–305

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 **5–305.**

18 **(A) EACH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SHALL ESTABLISH A POLICY AND**
19 **PROCEDURES FOR PERFORMING WORK ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC**
20 **SERVICE COMPANY’S EASEMENT.**

21 **(B) THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)**
22 **OF THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT IF A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY HAS NOT**
23 **ENTERED ONTO PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY’S**
24 **EASEMENT WITHIN THE PAST 2 YEARS, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SHALL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **PROVIDE 2 MONTHS' NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE LAND SUBJECT TO**
2 **THE EASEMENT BEFORE PERFORMING ANY WORK ON THE PROPERTY.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2016.