

# HOUSE BILL 1048

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Investor–Owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain investor–owned gas or electric companies to require  
4 certain contractors and subcontractors to pay their employees not less than the  
5 prevailing wage rate for certain projects; and generally relating to investor–owned  
6 utilities and the prevailing wage.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 5–305

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – State Finance and Procurement

14 Section 17–201(h)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

20 **5–305.**

21 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A PROJECT BY AN INVESTOR–OWNED GAS**  
22 **COMPANY, ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR COMBINATION GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
23 **INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, DEMOLITION,**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 RESTORATION, OR ALTERATION OF ANY UNDERGROUND GAS OR ELECTRIC  
2 INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY, AND ANY RELATED TRAFFIC CONTROL  
3 ACTIVITIES.

4 (B) AN INVESTOR-OWNED GAS COMPANY, ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR  
5 COMBINATION GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR OR  
6 SUBCONTRACTOR ON A PROJECT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
7 TO PAY ITS EMPLOYEES NOT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED  
8 BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF  
9 THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

10 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

11 17–201.

12 (h) “Prevailing wage rate” means the hourly rate of wages paid in the locality as  
13 determined by the Commissioner under § 17–208 of this subtitle.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2020.