

# SENATE BILL 79

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Economic Matters —

Introduced by **Senator Kramer**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Electricity – Change of Address – Maintenance of Subscriptions and Contracts**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a subscriber to a community solar energy generating  
4 system who has a change in the service address associated with the subscription to  
5 maintain the subscription under certain circumstances; prohibiting an electric  
6 company or a subscription organization from terminating a subscriber's subscription  
7 due to a change of a certain address under certain circumstances; requiring an  
8 electric company to make certain changes to accommodate a subscriber's change of  
9 address under certain circumstances; authorizing a residential electric customer who  
10 has a change in the service address associated with the customer's electricity account  
11 to maintain a certain contract under certain circumstances; prohibiting an electric  
12 company from terminating a customer's contract due to a change of a certain address  
13 under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to make certain changes  
14 to accommodate a customer's change of address under certain circumstances;

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and  
 2 generally relating to electricity supply.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 4 Article – Public Utilities  
 5 Section 7–306.2(a)(1) and (4) through (7) and (d)(1)(i)  
 6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 7 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 9 Article – Public Utilities  
 10 Section 7–306.2(f) and (g)  
 11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
 14 Article – Public Utilities  
 15 Section 7–312  
 16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 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 7–306.2.

22 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (4) “Program” means the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems  
 24 Pilot Program.

25 (5) “Subscriber” means a retail customer of an electric company that:

26 (i) holds a subscription to a community solar energy generating  
 27 system; and

28 (ii) has identified one or more individual meters or accounts to which  
 29 the subscription shall be attributed.

30 (6) “Subscriber organization” means:

31 (i) a person that owns or operates a community solar energy  
 32 generating system; or

1 (ii) the collective group of subscribers of a community solar energy  
2 generating system.

3 (7) "Subscription" means the portion of the electricity generated by a  
4 community solar energy generating system that is credited to a subscriber.

5 (d) (1) (i) The Commission shall establish a pilot program for a Community  
6 Solar Energy Generating System Program.

7 (f) (1) Subject to regulations or orders of the Commission, a contract relating  
8 to a community solar energy generating system or subscriber organization that is entered  
9 into during the pilot program shall remain in effect according to the terms of the contract,  
10 including after the termination of the pilot program.

11 **(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO ELECTRIC COMPANIES,**  
12 **ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE**  
13 **PROGRAM.**

14 **(II) A SUBSCRIBER WHO HAS A CHANGE IN THE SERVICE**  
15 **ADDRESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBSCRIBER'S SUBSCRIPTION MAY MAINTAIN THE**  
16 **SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE NEW ADDRESS IF THE NEW ADDRESS IS WITHIN THE SAME**  
17 **ELECTRIC TERRITORY AS THE OLD ADDRESS.**

18 **(III) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OR A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION**  
19 **MAY NOT TERMINATE A SUBSCRIBER'S SUBSCRIPTION DUE TO A CHANGE OF**  
20 **ADDRESS FOR THE SERVICE ADDRESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBSCRIPTION IF THE**  
21 **REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ARE MET.**

22 **(IV) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL MAKE ANY CHANGES**  
23 **NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE A SUBSCRIBER'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS ON**  
24 **NOTIFICATION BY A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION.**

25 **(G) [(2)]** After termination of the pilot program, in accordance with the  
26 operational and billing requirements in subsection (d) of this section:

27 **[(i)] (1)** a subscriber organization may continue the operation of a  
28 community solar energy generating system that began operation during the pilot program,  
29 including the creation and trading of subscriptions; and

30 **[(ii)] (2)** in accordance with the tariffs established under  
31 subsection (e)(2) of this section, an electric company shall continue to facilitate the  
32 operation of a community solar energy generating system that began operation during the  
33 pilot program.

1            ~~[(g)]~~ (H)        The cumulative installed nameplate capacity under the pilot program  
2 shall count toward the overall limitation of 1,500 megawatts for all net metering projects  
3 in § 7-306(d) of this subtitle.

4        **7-312.**

5            (A)    THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ELECTRIC COMPANIES, ELECTRIC  
6 COOPERATIVES, AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES THAT OFFER CUSTOMER CHOICE FOR  
7 COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

8            (B)    A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMER WHO HAS A CHANGE IN THE  
9 SERVICE ADDRESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CUSTOMER'S ELECTRICITY ACCOUNT MAY  
10 MAINTAIN THE CUSTOMER'S COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR  
11 THE NEW ADDRESS IF THE NEW ADDRESS IS WITHIN THE SAME ELECTRIC TERRITORY  
12 AS THE OLD ADDRESS.

13           (C)    AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT TERMINATE A CUSTOMER'S  
14 CONTRACT DUE TO A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE SERVICE ADDRESS ASSOCIATED  
15 WITH THE CONTRACT IF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS  
16 SECTION ARE MET.

17           (D)    AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL MAKE ANY CHANGES NECESSARY TO  
18 ACCOMMODATE A CUSTOMER'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS ON NOTIFICATION BY THE  
19 CUSTOMER.

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 ~~October 1, 2021~~ July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.