

# HOUSE BILL 513

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By: **Delegate Queen**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2023

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission to enforce certain prevailing  
4 wage requirements for contractors and subcontractors working on certain projects  
5 involving, and traffic control activities related to, underground gas or electric  
6 infrastructure of an investor–owned gas company, electric company, or combination  
7 gas and electric company; and generally relating to investor–owned utilities and the  
8 enforcement of prevailing wage laws.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Public Utilities  
11 Section 5–305  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 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) This section applies to a project by an investor–owned gas company, electric  
19 company, or combination gas and electric company involving the construction,  
20 reconstruction, installation, demolition, restoration, or alteration of any underground gas  
21 or electric infrastructure of the company, and any related traffic control activities.

22 (b) An investor–owned gas company, electric company, or combination gas and  
23 electric company shall require a contractor or subcontractor on a project described in  
24 subsection (a) of this section to pay its employees not less than the prevailing wage rate

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 determined **SOLELY** by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry under Title 17, Subtitle 2  
2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

3           **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COMMISSION**  
4 **SHALL ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR**  
5 **CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS TO PAY EMPLOYEES NOT LESS THAN THE**  
6 **PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINED SOLELY BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR**  
7 **AND INDUSTRY UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND**  
8 **PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2023.