

# HOUSE BILL 1207

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By: **Delegates Morgan and Clark**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Conduit Installation – Single-Family Detached**  
3 **Developments**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting electric companies from requiring builders or developers of  
5 certain developments to install conduit required to extend an electric company's  
6 distribution system to the development, at the builder's or developer's own expense;  
7 defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
8 relating to electric companies and conduit installation.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Utilities

11 Section 5–206

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 **5–206.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DEVELOPMENT” MEANS**  
19 **A DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF:**

20 **(1) SECTIONS OF MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT COMPOSED OF**  
21 **SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED LOTS;**

22 **(2) INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED LOTS; OR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOMES.**

2           **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN**  
3 **ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT REQUIRE A BUILDER OR DEVELOPER OF A**  
4 **SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DEVELOPMENT TO INSTALL, AT THE BUILDER'S OR**  
5 **DEVELOPER'S OWN COST, CONDUIT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE ELECTRIC**  
6 **COMPANY'S PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SYSTEM ANYWHERE WITHIN THE**  
7 **DEVELOPMENT.**

8           **(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN ELECTRIC COMPANY FROM**  
9 **REQUIRING A BUILDER OR DEVELOPER OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED**  
10 **DEVELOPMENT TO INSTALL, AT THE BUILDER'S OR DEVELOPER'S OWN COST,**  
11 **NECESSARY CONDUIT AT A CROSSING.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and 10 months and, at the  
14 end of July 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
15 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.