

HOUSE BILL 1321

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement – Gas – Prohibition on Purchasing from Unsafe Transmission**
3 **Company**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a unit of State government from procuring gas from a
5 gas transmission company that has not installed certain safety equipment on
6 gas transmission lines under its ownership or control, that does not employ
7 certain best practices and technology, or that does not comply with all
8 applicable State and federal safety standards and reporting requirements;
9 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the procurement of gas from a
10 gas transmission company by a unit of State government.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section 14–416
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

19 **14–416.**

20 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY” MEANS A**
21 **PERSON THAT:**

22 **(I) TRANSMITS, SELLS, SUPPLIES, OR DISTRIBUTES**
23 **ARTIFICIAL OR NATURAL GAS; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) MANUFACTURES GAS FOR DISTRIBUTION OR SALE.**

2 **(2) “GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A**
3 **PERSON THAT IS PRIMARILY IN THE BUSINESS OF LOCAL GAS DISTRIBUTION.**

4 **(B) WHEN PURCHASING OIL OR GAS, A UNIT MAY NOT PURCHASE FROM**
5 **A GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY THAT:**

6 **(1) HAS NOT INSTALLED AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF VALVES OR**
7 **REMOTE CONTROLLED SECTIONALIZED BLOCK VALVES ON GAS TRANSMISSION**
8 **LINES UNDER ITS OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL;**

9 **(2) DOES NOT EMPLOY BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGY,**
10 **INCLUDING IN-LINE INSPECTION DEVICES, FOR MONITORING THE SAFETY OF**
11 **GAS TRANSMISSION LINES UNDER ITS OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL; OR**

12 **(3) DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND**
13 **FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2013.