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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Termination of Gas or Electric Service to Multifamily**
3 **Dwelling Units – Notification**

4 **PG 406–25**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring a public service company that intends to terminate, because
6 of nonpayment, electric or gas service to a certain multifamily dwelling unit located
7 in Prince George’s County to notify certain elected officials before the termination of
8 gas or electric service under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
9 termination of gas or electric service in Prince George’s County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Public Utilities
12 Section 7–307.3
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Utilities**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-307.3.

2 (a) (1) A public service company that intends to terminate, because of
3 nonpayment, electric or gas service to a customer of the service to a multifamily dwelling
4 unit shall notify the property owner or property manager of the multifamily dwelling unit
5 before terminating service to the customer if the public service company has received the
6 customer's consent that designates the property owner or property manager as a
7 third-party authorized to receive a notice of termination of services.

8 (2) IF A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY INTENDS TO TERMINATE,
9 BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT, ELECTRIC OR GAS SERVICE TO A MULTIFAMILY
10 DWELLING UNIT LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE
11 COMPANY SHALL NOTIFY EACH COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTING THE
12 DISTRICT IN WHICH THE MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNIT IS LOCATED BEFORE
13 TERMINATING THE SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMER IF:

14 (I) THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO THE AFFECTED UNIT
15 THROUGH A MASTER METER OR SUBMETER; AND

16 (II) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY HAS RECEIVED CONSENT
17 FROM THE CUSTOMER AND THE TENANT, IF ANY, OF THAT UNIT.

18 (b) As a term of a lease of a multifamily dwelling unit, the property owner or
19 property manager of the multifamily dwelling unit may require a tenant to ensure that a
20 customer of the public service company that is responsible for the account for that
21 multifamily dwelling unit provides consent for the property owner or property manager to
22 receive a notice of termination of services as a result of nonpayment by the customer.

23 (c) A customer's consent may be provided to a public service company by:

24 (1) the customer; or

25 (2) if the consent is written, the property owner or property manager of the
26 multifamily dwelling unit.

27 (d) Each public service company shall set up a procedure for handling the
28 third-party notification process in a manner best suited to the circumstances of the
29 particular public service company.

1 (e) Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent any other form of
2 third-party notification that a customer may request.

3 (f) The Commission may adopt regulations to carry out this section.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2026.