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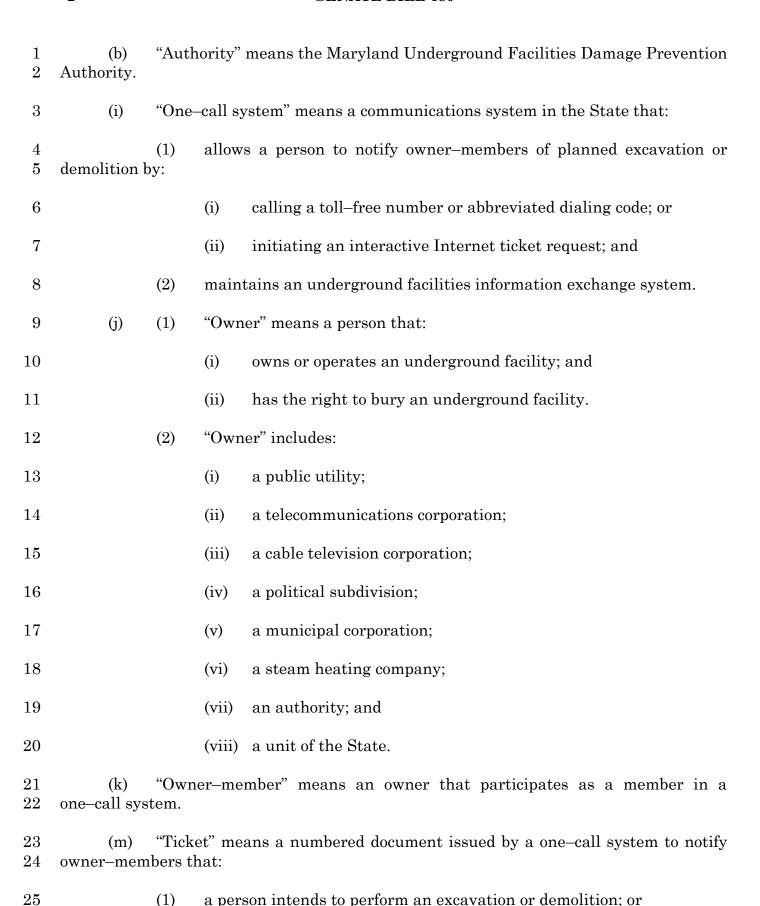
A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Public Utilities – Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority – Funding
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4	FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention
5	Authority to collect an assessment or a charge not exceeding a certain amount per
6	ticket under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which the
7	Authority may collect an assessment or a charge; providing for an exception to a
8	certain limitation regarding sources of operational funding for the Authority; and
9 10	generally relating to the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority.
10	Authority.
11	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12	Article – Public Utilities
13	Section 12–101(a), (b), (i), (j), (k), and (m)
14	Annotated Code of Maryland
15	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
16	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17	Article – Public Utilities
18	Section 12–111
19	Annotated Code of Maryland
20	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
21	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
$\overline{22}$	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
23	Article - Public Utilities
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24	12–101.
25	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





- 1 a designer has requested information on the location of underground (2)2 facilities under § 12–131 of this subtitle. 3 12–111. 4 The Authority may obtain funding for its operational expenses from: (a) a federal or State grant; 5 (1) 6 filing fees and administrative fees for complaints heard by the (2) Authority as authorized under § 12–112(b)(1) of this subtitle; [and] 7 8 (3)AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT OR CHARGE PER TICKET AS 9 AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND 10 **(4)** any other source. 11 (b) THE AUTHORITY MAY COLLECT AN ASSESSMENT OR A CHARGE NOT 12 EXCEEDING 5 CENTS PER TICKET FROM AN OWNER-MEMBER IF THE ASSESSMENT 13 **OR CHARGE:** 14 **(1)** IS NOT IMPOSED ON A COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; 15 AND 16 **(2)** IS APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE 17 AUTHORITY. 18 Except as provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (a)(2) AND (B) of this 19 section, the Authority may not impose a charge or assessment against any person, directly or indirectly, to obtain funding for its operational expenses. 20
- 21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 22 1, 2016.