

THE CLOSING OF THE BOOKS OF REGISTRATION PRIOR TO EACH PRIMARY ELECTION, and on such other days as each board may prescribe except as otherwise provided. Each board shall prescribe the hours and places of registration on days when it conducts the registration of voters.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 759
(House Bill 1136)

AN ACT to add new Sections 58 through 63 to Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Department of Labor and Industry," to follow immediately after Section 57 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "High-Voltage Line Act," providing the precautions to be taken in the proximity of high-voltage electric lines for the prevention of accidents; providing for re-administration and enforcement thereof by the Department of Labor and Industry and establishing penalties and liabilities for violations thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Sections 58 through 63 be and there are hereby added to Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Department of Labor and Industry," to follow immediately after Section 57 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "High-Voltage Line Act," and to read as follows:

58.

For the purposes of this Act, "high-voltage lines" shall mean an electric line or lines which are installed above ground level, having a voltage in excess of 750 volts between conductors or from any conductor to ground. For the purposes of this Act all electric lines are considered to be energized at all times from and after installation or erection, and shall be assumed to be in excess of 750 volts until otherwise determined from owner or operator of such line.

59.

No person, firm or corporation shall perform, or require or permit any employee to perform, any act prohibited by Section § 60 hereof unless and until danger from accidental contact with high-voltage lines has been effectively guarded against in the manner prescribed in Section 60.