



HOUSE BILL 47: Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 - Part I, Sec. 5.10: Utility Emergency Authority

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Analysis of: S.L. 2025-2, Sec. 5.10

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Section 5.10 of S.L. 2025-2 (House Bill 47) imposes a temporary moratorium that prohibits private landowners in the affected area¹ from filing inverse condemnation or trespass claims against utilities arising from the replacement or repair of utility poles or transformers, to be in effect until June 30, 2026. The statute of limitations for private landowners to bring claims subject to the temporary moratorium is extended by one year.

This section became effective March 19, 2025.

¹ "Affected area" is defined as those "counties designated before, on, or after the effective date of this act under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Helene."

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