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**By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Public Service Commission)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission - Electric and Gas Meter Testing Equipment**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Public Service Commission stamp  
4 or mark equipment which has been approved by the Commission for testing the  
5 accuracy of electric or gas meters; and generally relating to the regulatory powers of  
6 the Public Service Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
9 Section 51(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1995 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law**

15 51.

16 (a) A person may not furnish or put in use for revenue billing purposes any gas  
17 meter or any electric meter unless it has been authorized by the Commission. Every gas  
18 and electric company shall maintain in an appropriate place a suitable apparatus,  
19 approved[, and stamped or marked] by the Commission, for testing the accuracy of gas  
20 and electric meters furnished by it for use. On the written request of any consumer, his  
21 meter shall be tested thereby, in his presence if he desires.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 1996.