

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 851

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

At the top of page 1, insert "EMERGENCY BILL".

On page 1, in line 6, after "Force;" insert "establishing a certain advisory group to assist the Task Force in certain deliberations; providing for the membership of the advisory group;"; in line 12, after "Act;" insert "making this Act an emergency measure;"; and in line 29, before "now," insert "and

WHEREAS, Legislation may be needed to supplement the proceedings of the Public Service Commission;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 5, strike "18" and substitute "17"; in line 6, strike "TWO" and substitute "FIVE"; in the same line, strike "OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,"; in line 7, after "SENATE" insert ", OF WHICH AT LEAST FOUR ARE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND"; in line 8, strike "TWO" and substitute "FIVE"; in the same line, strike "OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,"; and in line 9, after "DELEGATES" insert ", OF WHICH AT LEAST FOUR ARE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES".

Strike beginning with "THREE" in line 10 down through "11" in line 13 and substitute "FIVE"; in line 17, strike "EMPLOYMENT" and substitute "ECONOMIC"; after line 17, insert:

"(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S LEGISLATIVE STAFF; AND

(Over)

(V) ONE INDEPENDENT MEMBER; AND

(4) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL SERVE AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

(C) THE GOVERNOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN.

(D) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE ASSISTED IN DELIBERATIONS BY AN ADVISORY GROUP CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:";

in line 18, strike "(III) TWO" and substitute "(I) THREE"; in line 20, strike "(IV) TWO" and substitute "(II) THREE"; in line 22, strike "(V) TWO" and substitute "(III) THREE"; in line 23, after "CUSTOMERS" insert ", ONE OF WHOM SHALL REPRESENT THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL"; in line 24, strike "(VI) THREE MEMBERS" and substitute "(IV) A MEMBER"; in the same line, strike "THE" and substitute "EACH INVESTOR-OWNED"; in line 25, strike "INDUSTRY" and substitute "SERVING CUSTOMERS AT RETAIL"; in line 25, after "MARYLAND" insert ";

(V) A MEMBER REPRESENTING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES SERVING CUSTOMERS AT RETAIL IN MARYLAND;

(VI) A MEMBER REPRESENTING MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS SERVING CUSTOMERS IN MARYLAND; AND

(VII) A MEMBER REPRESENTING AN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER";

in line 26, strike "(C)" and substitute "(E)"; in line 28, strike "CONSUMERS AND GENERATORS OF ELECTRICITY" and substitute "THE ADVISORY GROUP AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES"; in line 30, strike "AND THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL"; in line 33, after "RECOVERY" insert "OR NONRECOVERY"; and in line 33, after "STRANDED" insert ", TRANSITIONAL, OR OTHER".

On page 3, in line 7, strike "THE" and substitute "WHETHER AND UNDER WHAT"; in the same line, strike "UNDER WHICH"; in lines 16, 18, and 20, strike "(D)", "(E)", and "(F)", respectively, and substitute "(F)", "(G)", and "(H)", respectively; in line 17, after

“COMPENSATION” insert “BUT ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike beginning with “shall” in line 23 down through “June 1, 1997” in line 24 and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted”; and in line 24, strike “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at” and substitute “At”.