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

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Companies - Accident Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under of which a public service
4 company must provide notice to the Public Service Commission of any accident;
5 and generally relating to the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction over
6 public service companies.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Public Utility Companies
9 Section 5-304
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

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

14 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

15 5-304.

16 (a) (1) A public service company shall notify the Commission of any accident
17 involving the public service company that results in:

18 (I) personal injury[,] REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION;

19 (II) property damage[,] EXCEEDING \$50,000; or

20 (III) loss of life.

21 (2) The public service company shall notify the Commission within 30
22 days after the day the accident occurs or within a period that the Commission
23 prescribes.

24 (b) The notice:

1 (1) shall be in a form that the Commission prescribes; and

2 (2) may not be admissible in evidence, or used for any purpose against
3 the public service company that provides the notice, in an action for damages arising
4 out of any matter that is reported in the notice.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 1998.