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By: **The President (Department of Legislative Services - Code Revision)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utility Companies**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be  
4 designated and known as the "Public Utility Companies Article", to revise,  
5 restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating and pertaining to: the Public  
6 Service Commission, the Office of People's Counsel, administrative and judicial  
7 proceedings before and concerning the Commission, rate regulation of public  
8 service companies and certain other entities, powers, duties, and prohibitions of  
9 and relating to public service companies and their agents and employees,  
10 franchises of and condemnation by public service companies, business structure,  
11 financing, and reporting requirements, powers and duties of gas and electric  
12 companies, electric generation facility planning, gas master meter operation,  
13 energy conservation building standards, powers and duties of telephone and  
14 telegraph companies including easement acquisition, telephone and telegraph  
15 service requirements, common carriers, motor carrier companies, railroads,  
16 for-hire driving services and taxicabs, liquefied gas facilities, underground  
17 facilities, conversion of overhead utilities, and criminal and civil liability for  
18 violations of certain provisions relating to public utility laws; defining certain  
19 terms; revising, restating, and recodifying certain provisions relating to: crimes  
20 and prohibited acts involving the personnel of or the property or equipment  
21 owned or used by certain public utility companies, the handling and disposition  
22 of certain baggage and property transported by certain entities, certain  
23 requirements concerning telephone equipment, railroad safety and health, and  
24 the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; transferring certain provisions to the  
25 Session Laws; providing for the construction and application of this Act;  
26 providing for the continuity of the terms of certain officials, the status of certain  
27 transactions and employees, rights, titles, and interests, licenses, registrations,  
28 certifications, and permits; and generally relating to public utility company laws  
29 of the State.

30 BY repealing

31 Article 23 - Miscellaneous Companies

32 Section 139 and the subheading "Payment of Wages"; 166, 167, 193, 195 through

33 200, 202, 203, 205, 206, 212 through 217, 226, 227 through 229, 229A, 230,

1 231, 232, 234, 236, 237, 249 through 255; 317 through 320, 322, 323, 324,  
2 325, 326, 326A, 326B, and 327 and the subheading "Telegraph and  
3 Telephone Companies"; 328 through 330 and the subheading "Turnpike,  
4 Plank Road and Passenger Railway Companies"; 333, 339, 340, 341, and  
5 341A  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

8 BY repealing  
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
10 Section 118, 192 through 194, 194B, 200, 320, 453 through 460, 556, 557, and  
11 557A  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY repealing  
15 Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
16 In its entirety  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 BY repealing  
20 Article 89 - Miscellaneous Business, Work, and Safety Provisions  
21 Section 82 through 103 and the subheading "Railroad Safety and Health"  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

24 BY adding  
25 New Article - Public Utility Companies  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
28 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation  
29 Section 25  
30 Annotated Code of Maryland  
31 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

32 BY adding to  
33 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
34 Section 118, 192, 194, 194B, 200, 453, 453A, 455, 456, 458, 460, 556, and 557A  
35 Annotated Code of Maryland  
36 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

37 BY adding to

1 Article - Business Regulation  
2 Section 19-102  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

5 BY adding to  
6 Article - Commercial Law  
7 Section 14-25A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 25A. Hearing Aids  
8 and Telephones"  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Labor and Employment  
13 Section 5.5-101 through 5.5-123, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 5.5.  
14 Railroad Safety and Health"  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, and transferring to the Session  
18 Laws  
19 Article 23 - Miscellaneous Companies  
20 Section 168 through 178, 207 through 210, and 321  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

23 THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BILL IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE.  
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