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CHAPTER____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Public Service Commission - Liquefied Petroleum Gas

- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law pertaining solely to public
- 4 service companies providing liquefied petroleum gas pursuant to franchises that
- 5 existed on or before a certain date; clarifying that owners of gas service
- 6 installations must comply with certain metering requirements; clarifying that
- 7 consumers of gas service may request an inspection and test of the meter; and
- 8 generally relating to the Commission's jurisdiction over liquefied petroleum gas.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Public Utility Companies
- 11 Section 7-301 and 7-302
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Public Utility Companies
- 16 Section 11-102
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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34 impose; and

36 operator, or manager.

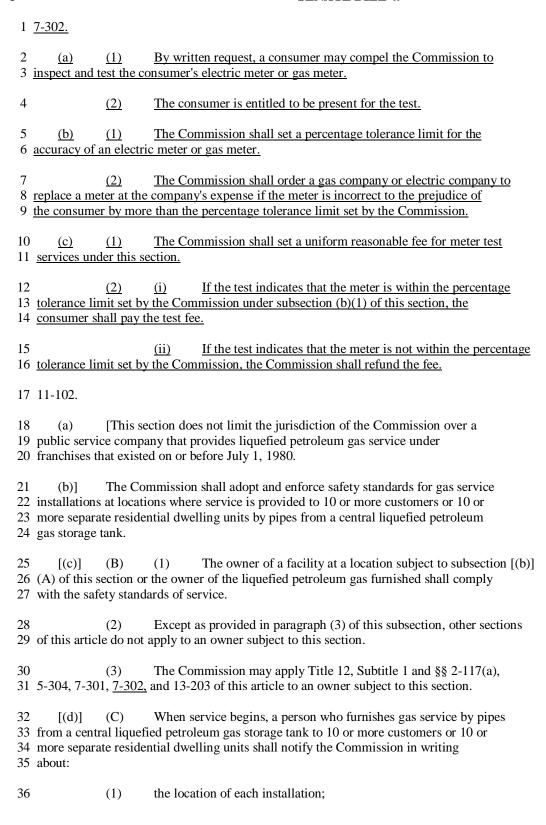
SENATE BILL 49 1 **Article - Public Utility Companies** 2 7-301. 3 (a) A person may not furnish or put in use for revenue billing purposes a gas 4 meter or electric meter unless the Commission has authorized the meter's use. 5 Each gas company and electric company shall maintain suitable (b) (1) 6 equipment, approved by the Commission, for testing the accuracy of a gas meter or 7 electric meter furnished by the company for use by its customers. 8 The gas company or electric company shall test a customer's meter (2)with the equipment in accordance with § 7-302 of this subtitle. 10 (c) (1) This subsection applies to: 11 (i) a new residential multiple occupancy building; 12 a new shopping center; or (ii) 13 a new housing unit that is constructed, managed, operated, (iii) 14 developed, or subsidized by a local housing authority established under Article 44A of 15 the Code. 16 (2) The service restrictions imposed under this subsection do not apply to 17 central hot water. 18 The Commission may not authorize a gas company or electric 19 company to service an occupancy unit or shopping center unit subject to this 20 subsection unless the building or shopping center has individual metered service or submetering as provided under § 7-303 or § 7-304 of this subtitle for each 22 individually leased or owned occupancy unit or shopping center unit. 23 In accordance with its regulations, the Commission may authorize a (4) 24 gas company or electric company to provide service for central heating or cooling 25 systems, or a combination of those systems, to an occupancy unit or shopping center 26 unit subject to this subsection if the Commission is satisfied that the service will 27 result in a substantial net saving of energy over the energy saving that would result 28 from individual metering or submetering as provided under § 7-303 or § 7-304 of this 29 subtitle. 30 (d) The owner, operator, or manager of a residential multiple occupancy 31 building or shopping center subject to this section may not impose a utility cost on an

32 occupancy unit or shopping center unit, except for charges that:

(1)

the Commission authorizes the gas company or electric company to

the gas company or electric company actually imposes on the owner,



- 1 (2) the number of customers or dwelling units furnished service at each
- 2 location; and
- 3 (3) the name and address of the office responsible for the service.
- 4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 5 effect October 1, 2001.