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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Universal Service Program Fund - Retention**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission to retain certain
4 funds in the universal service program fund at the end of a certain date and
5 make the funds available for disbursement through a certain date; requiring the
6 Commission and the Department of Human Resources to report to certain
7 persons on certain matters pertaining to the universal service program and fund
8 by a certain date; providing for the effective date and termination of this Act;
9 and generally relating to the universal service fund.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Public Utility Companies
12 Section 7-512.1(h)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

18 7-512.1.

19 (h) (1) In this subsection, "fund" means the universal service program fund.

20 (2) There is a universal service program fund.

1 (6) recommendations for simplifying the process of reducing the universal
2 service charge for customers when there are unexpended funds in the universal
3 service program fund at the end of a fiscal year.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
6 end of June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
7 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.