

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 832

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “any given fiscal year” and substitute “a certain date”; in line 5, strike “during the next fiscal year” and substitute “through a certain date; requiring the Commission and the Department of Human Resources to report to certain persons on certain matters pertaining to the universal service program fund by a certain date”; in line 6, after “date” insert “and termination”; strike beginning with “extending” in line 6 down through “fund;” in line 7; in line 8, after “service” insert “program”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 21, in each instance, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike “2001”; in lines 21 and 22, strike “ANY GIVEN FISCAL YEAR” and substitute “2002”; in line 22, strike the bracket; in line 23, strike “2002] THE END OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR” and substitute “2003”; in lines 24 and 26, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 24, strike “QUALIFIED”; in lines 24 and 25, strike “THE GIVEN”; in line 25, after “year” insert “2002”; in line 26, strike “APPLIED”; strike in its entirety line 27 and substitute “2002.”; and strike in their entirety lines 28 through 34, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2002, the Public Service Commission and the Department of Human Resources shall study and report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee on:

- (1) the level of participation in the universal service program during fiscal year 2002;
- (2) the projected needs of the program for fiscal years 2003 and 2004;
- (3) the amounts expended from the universal service program fund during fiscal year

(Over)

2002;

(4) the amounts of surplus carried over in the universal service program fund from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2003 under this Act;

(5) any difficulties that the Commission expects in complying with § 7-512.1(h) of the Public Utility Companies Article at the end of fiscal year 2003; and

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 30, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 day and, at the end of June 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.