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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Companies - Systems Repairs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring public service companies to submit a certain plan of  
4 systems repairs to certain counties and municipal corporations each year;  
5 requiring public service companies to consult with the counties and municipal  
6 corporations before submitting a plan of systems repairs; defining a certain  
7 term; and generally relating to systems repairs conducted by public service  
8 companies.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Public Utility Companies

11 Section 5-305

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1998 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

17 5-305.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SYSTEMS REPAIR" MEANS WORK TO INSTALL,  
19 MAINTAIN, OR OPERATE A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SYSTEM THAT INVOLVES  
20 CUTTING INTO A PUBLIC ROADWAY, SIDEWALK, OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT ON  
21 PUBLIC PROPERTY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

22 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SERVICE  
23 COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT TO EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ITS  
24 SERVICE TERRITORY A PLAN OF SYSTEMS REPAIRS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT 3  
25 YEARS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

1           (2)     EACH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN OF  
2 SCHEDULED SYSTEMS REPAIRS TO THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY EACH COUNTY OR  
3 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

4     (C)     EACH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE AFFECTED  
5 COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING THE PLAN OF  
6 SYSTEMS REPAIRS.

7     (D)     FOR EACH SCHEDULED SYSTEMS REPAIR, THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE  
8 FOLLOWING:

9           (1)     THE ANTICIPATED DATE AND TIME OF THE SYSTEMS REPAIR;

10          (2)     THE LOCATION OF THE SYSTEMS REPAIR; AND

11          (3)     AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT THAT THE SYSTEMS REPAIR WILL  
12 HAVE ON THE AFFECTED COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

13     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2002.