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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 fund by  
8 a certain date; providing for the effective date and termination of this Act; and  
9 generally relating to the universal service program 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 2001 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 (5) any difficulties that the Commission expects in complying with §  
2 7-512.1(h) of the Public Utility Companies Article at the end of fiscal year 2003; and

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

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