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By: **Senator Bromwell**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies and Gas Companies - Use of Trade Names and**
3 **Trademarks**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of the trade name or trademark of an electric
5 company or a gas company by certain persons for certain purposes under certain
6 circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the
7 application of this Act; and generally relating to the use of trade names and
8 trademarks of electric companies and gas companies.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Public Utility Companies
11 Section 7-701 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Miscellaneous
12 Provisions"
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 SUBTITLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

19 7-701.

20 A PERSON MAY NOT USE, AS PART OF ITS TRADE NAME OR TRADEMARK, THE
21 TRADE NAME OR TRADEMARK OF AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OR A GAS COMPANY IF THE
22 PERSON IS OWNED WHOLLY OR PARTLY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY:

23 (1) THE ELECTRIC COMPANY OR THE GAS COMPANY; OR

24 (2) THE PARENT COMPANY OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY OR THE GAS
25 COMPANY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
2 any trade name or trademark used on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless
3 of whether the person used the trade name or trademark prior to the effective date of
4 this Act.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
6 effect May 1, 2003.