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By: Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Public Service Commission)

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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2 Public Service Commission - Expenses

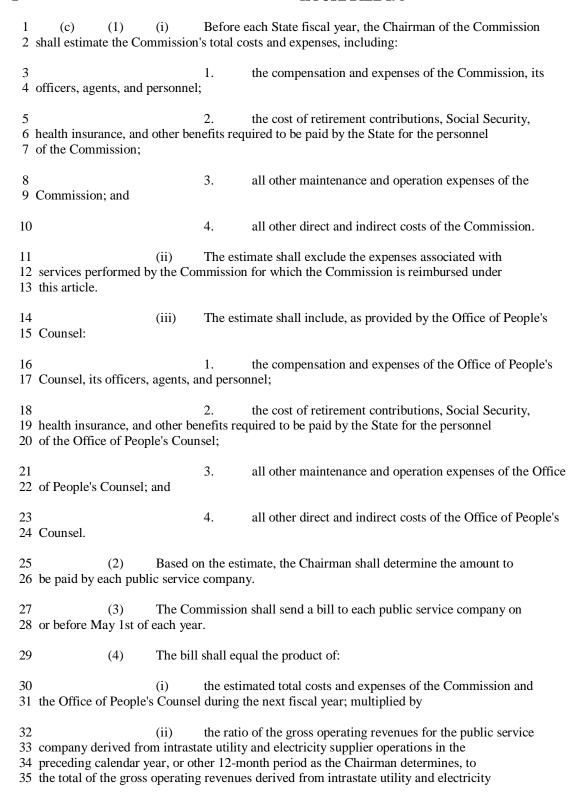
- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission to retain, in the
- 4 Public Utility Regulation Fund, a certain annual assessment collected from
- 5 public utility companies; providing for the effective date of this Act; and
- 6 generally relating to annual assessments made by the Public Service
- 7 Commission.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Public Utility Companies
- 10 Section 2-110
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1998 Volume and 2002 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article - Public Utility Companies

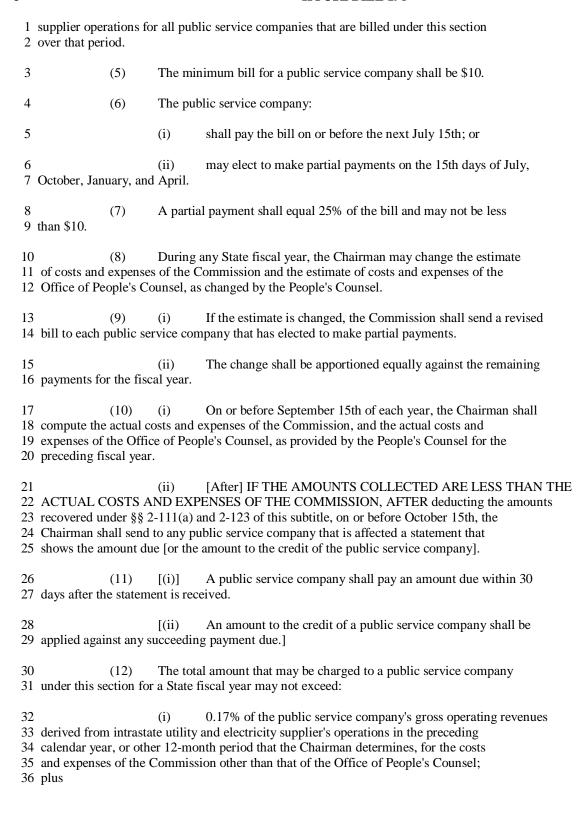
16 2-110.

- 17 (a) In this section, "public service company" includes an electricity supplier
- 18 and a gas supplier as those terms are defined in § 1-101 of this article.
- 19 (b) (1) The costs and expenses of the Commission and the Office of People's
- 20 Counsel shall be borne by the public service companies that are subject to the
- 21 Commission's jurisdiction.
- 22 (2) The costs and expenses shall be assessed as provided in this section.
- 23 (3) The Commission shall pay the money that it collects for the
- 24 assessment under this section into the Public Utility Regulation Fund in the State
- 25 Treasury established under § 2-110.1 of this subtitle to reimburse the State for the
- 26 expenses of the Commission and the Office of People's Counsel.

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- 1 $\,$ (ii) $\,$ 0.05% of those revenues for the costs and expenses of the Office $2\,$ of People's Counsel.
- 3 (d) (1) Within 30 days after the Commission issues a bill under subsection 4 (c) of this section, the party billed may request a hearing as to the amount of the bill.
- 5 (2) Any amount of a bill that is not paid within 30 days after the date of
- 6 determination on a hearing or, if a hearing is not requested, on the date when
- 7 payment is due, shall bear annual interest at a rate, not less than 6%, that the
- 8 Commission sets by regulation.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 10 effect June 30, 2003.