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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission - Postemployment Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~altering certain restrictions on the employment of certain~~
4 ~~employees and other personnel of the Public Service Commission and Office of~~
5 ~~People's Counsel on leaving employment of the Commission or Office;~~ subjecting
6 certain employees and personnel of the Public Service Commission to certain
7 employment restrictions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
8 relating to the Public Service Commission, ~~the People's Counsel,~~ and
9 employment restrictions.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Public Utility Companies
12 Section 2-306
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Volume and 2005 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 2-306.

19 (a) Until at least {2} 3 years have passed after leaving service as a
20 commissioner or the People's Counsel, an individual may not:

21 (1) represent a public service company before the Commission;

1 (2) appear before the Commission on behalf of a party to a Commission
2 proceeding; or

3 (3) appear before the Commission on a matter within the jurisdiction of
4 the Commission.

5 ~~(B) UNTIL AT LEAST 2 YEARS HAVE PASSED AFTER LEAVING SERVICE WITH~~
6 ~~THE COMMISSION AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, OR~~
7 ~~GENERAL COUNSEL, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:~~

8 ~~(1) REPRESENT A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY BEFORE THE~~
9 ~~COMMISSION;~~

10 ~~(2) APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF A PARTY TO A~~
11 ~~COMMISSION PROCEEDING; OR~~

12 ~~(3) APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON A MATTER WITHIN THE~~
13 ~~JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION.~~

14 ~~{(b)}~~ ~~(C)~~ Until at least 1 year has passed after leaving service with the
15 Commission as ~~{the General Counsel or}~~, AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AS THE
16 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AS a hearing examiner, OR AS THE DIRECTOR OF A
17 COMMISSION STAFF DIVISION, an individual may not:

18 (1) represent a public service company before the Commission;

19 (2) appear before the Commission on behalf of a party to a Commission
20 proceeding; or

21 (3) appear before the Commission on a matter within the jurisdiction of
22 the Commission.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
24 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
25 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
26 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
27 the date it is enacted.