

HOUSE BILL 1547

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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Service Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2008

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – Investigatory Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission to retain certain
4 experts for an investigation at the expense of a certain person under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of the Commission to
6 retain certain experts in the course of an investigation.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Utility Companies
9 Section 2–115
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

15 2–115.

16 (a) The Commission shall initiate and conduct any investigation necessary to
17 execute its powers or perform its duties under this article.

18 (b) The Commission may:

19 (1) examine the records of a public service company;

20 (2) compel production of the records by subpoena; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) require verified copies of the records to be filed with the
2 Commission.

3 **(C) AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PERSON BEING INVESTIGATED, THE**
4 **COMMISSION MAY RETAIN ONE OR MORE ACCOUNTANTS, ATTORNEYS,**
5 **CONSULTANTS, ECONOMISTS, OR OTHER EXPERTS WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE A**
6 **PART OF THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSION IF REASONABLY NECESSARY TO**
7 **CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2008.