

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 13th, 1914.

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## CHAPTER 748.

AN ACT to repeal certain charter and other statutory rights of the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railway Company to engage in business or exercise its franchises in the State of Maryland in the event of its failure to comply with any order of the Public Service Commission of Maryland to be hereafter passed requiring it to render adequate service over its existing lines by the time specified in such order or within such extension of time as the Commission may, for good cause, grant.

WHEREAS, By an opinion of the Public Service Commission of Maryland rendered in the case of Carl Troiel et al. vs. the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railway Company, filed February 20, 1914, which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof as fully as though set out in full in this preamble, said Public Service Commission has expressed its doubt as to its ability to pass a valid and legally enforceable order requiring said corporation to render such adequate service to its patrons and the public in the State of Maryland as said Commission deems desirable and requisite in the premises; and

WHEREAS, Said Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railway Company was incorporated under the laws of this State and given certain valuable privileges and franchises by the General Assembly of Maryland, which valuable privileges and franchises it was assumed at the time of their grant, would be used for the public welfare and convenience; and

WHEREAS, Large portions of Prince George's, St. Mary's Charles and Calvert Counties are almost wholly dependent for their present and future material welfare upon the service furnished by said Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railway Company over its said line; and