

CHAPTER 473.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 380 and 391 of Article 23 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 380 and 391 of Article 23 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 380. No common carrier, railroad corporation or street railroad corporation shall abandon or discontinue in whole or in part, the exercise of any franchise or right, under any provision of the railroad law, or any other law, in so far as it is then actually being exercised for the public service, without the permission and approval of the Commission first obtained, after due hearing, and the determination by the Commission that the present or future public convenience or necessity permit of such abandonment or discontinuance of the exercise of such franchise or right.

Section 391. No gas corporation or electrical corporation incorporated under the laws of this or any other State shall abandon or discontinue in whole or in part, the exercise of any right or privilege under any franchise granted to it in this State in so far as such right or privilege is then actually being exercised for the public service, without having first obtained the permission and approval of the Commission, after due hearing and the determination by the Commission, that the present or future public convenience or necessity permit of such abandonment or discontinuance of the exercise of such franchise or right.

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CHAPTER 474.

AN ACT to regulate the use of public roads and highways within Howard County, other than highways under the control of the State Roads Commission.