

amendments and additions to said Article 78, and to enact a new Article 78 in lieu thereof, said new Article to stand in the place and stead of the Article so repealed, completely revising the laws relating to the Public Service Commission of Maryland and relating generally to the said Commission, its powers and duties and to the regulation of certain public utilities in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed, and that any and all amendments and additions to said Article 78 be and they are hereby repealed, and that a new Article 78 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, said new Article to stand in the place and stead of the Article so repealed, and to read as follows:

ARTICLE 78

SUB-TITLE I—SCOPE OF ARTICLE AND DEFINITIONS

1. (Scope of Article.)

The jurisdiction and powers of the Public Service Commission shall extend to all public service companies, as hereinafter defined, engaged in or operating a utility business in this State, and to certain additional motor carriers, as hereinafter provided, to the full extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the United States. The powers of the commission shall be liberally construed; and the commission shall have the powers specifically conferred by this Article and by any other law, and also all implied and incidental powers necessary and proper to carry out effectually the provisions of this Article.

2. (Definitions.)

(a) *The following terms, and such variants thereof as may be due to requirements of grammar and syntax, when used in this Article, shall be construed, unless the context clearly otherwise requires, in accordance with the following definitions:*

(b) (Carriers of Flammables.)

“Carriers of flammables” means (1) any motor vehicle common carrier which transports in bulk, in tank vehicles, any liquid which will give off flammable vapors at or below 250 degrees Fahrenheit, or any liquid which, when mixed with wood, sawdust, rags or similar organic substances, cause spontaneous heating and ignition; and (2) any private motor vehicle carrier whose principal business consists of such transportation of such liquids (except where the carrier is the owner of the cargo and the carriage is for the purpose of sale or in furtherance of a commercial enterprise to which such carriage is incidental).

(c) (Commission.)

“Commission” means the Public Service Commission.

(d) (Common Carrier.)

“Common Carrier” means and includes any person engaged in the public transportation for hire of persons, property or freight, whether by land, water, air or any combination of them, and in-