

2%, and providing instead that if the electric or gas meter is incorrect by more than the per cent fixed by the Commission, the Commission shall order the substitution of a correct meter at the expense of the company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 51 and 52 of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Supplement), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Gas and Electric Companies," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

51. Meters

No person shall furnish or put in use *for revenue billing purposes* any gas meter [unless it has been inspected, proved and sealed,] or any electric meter unless it has been [inspected, approved, and stamped or marked,] *authorized* by the Commission. Every gas and electric company shall maintain in an appropriate place a suitable apparatus, approved, and stamped or marked by the Commission, for testing the accuracy of gas and electric meters furnished by it for use. On the written request of any consumer, his meter shall be tested thereby, in his presence if he desires.

52. Same—Inspection

Any consumer may, by written request, compel an inspection and test of his meter by the Commission. If an electric meter *or a gas meter* is incorrect to the prejudice of the consumer by [as much as four per cent or a gas meter by as much as two per cent] *more than the percentage fixed by the Commission*, the Commission shall order the substitution of a correct meter at the expense of the Company. Otherwise, the expense of testing shall be borne by the consumer. A uniform reasonable charge shall be fixed by the Commission for this service.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 577

(House Bill 67)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 88(d) of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Procedure Before Commission," amending the law concerning the annual filing fee of certain public service companies in order to change the formula for computing the amount thereof, and correcting an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 88(d) of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland*