

CHAPTER 643

(Senate Bill 727)

AN ACT concerning

Power Plant Siting Program - Exemptions from
Local Regulations

FOR the purpose of exempting from local zoning rules, regulations, ordinances and laws approved property used and operated by electric utilities for purposes of generating electricity.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 3-305(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section ~~[[3-305(e)]]~~3-306.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-305(d) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

3-305.

(d) An electric company as defined in the Public Service Commission Law may request from the Secretary an appropriate site in his possession under the provisions of this subtitle, and the Secretary shall make the site available. The electric utility may purchase the site, or lease it on a 99 year lease. The purchase price shall be the fair market value of the site as determined by a committee of three independent qualified real estate appraisers, one of whom is chosen by the Secretary, one by the electric company making the application, and the third by the two appraisers first selected. Each party compensates its own appraiser and bears one-half the cost of the third appraiser. The leasing charge shall be five