

same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 28, 1974.

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CHAPTER 99

(House Bill 607)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission Law - People's Counsel

FOR the purpose of empowering the People's Counsel to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission in certain cases, and providing that this Act is to be an emergency bill.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

Section 15

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 15 of Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

15.

The people's counsel shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) He shall appear before the Commission, [[THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION,]] and the courts on behalf of the interests of the public in general in any matter or proceeding, of which the Commission has original jurisdiction and in which he may deem the public interest to be involved, including but not limited to proceedings with regard to the rates, service, or practices of any public service company or any violation of the provisions of this article. He shall have, in such appearance, all the rights of counsel for a party in interest, including but not limited to the right to