

Commission to study certain rate structures used by gas and electric companies under its jurisdiction, investigate alternatives to these rate structures, and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date.

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 54E
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 54E be and it is hereby added to Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
54E.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE DECLINING BLOCK RATE METHOD USED BY ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND GAS COMPANIES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION AS THE BASIS FOR THE EXISTING RATE STRUCTURES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL USERS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXISTING UTILITY ENERGY RATE STRUCTURES AND DEMAND. THE STUDY SHALL INVESTIGATE ALSO, EITHER UNILATERALLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND NATIONAL REGULATORY AGENCIES, ALTERNATIVE RATE STRUCTURES WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE EFFICIENT USE AND PROMOTE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES WHICH ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY [[JANUARY 1]] MARCH 15, 1977.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 645

(House Bill 233)

AN ACT concerning

Facilities for Deaf Persons

FOR the purpose of requiring the placement of teletype