

CHAPTER 561

(House Bill 1493)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Electric Company, Gas Company,
and Gas and Electric Company

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from authorizing a gas company, an electric company, or a gas and electric company to service any new residential multiple occupancy building on which construction begins after a certain date unless that building has an individual meter for each occupancy unit that is individually leased or owned; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 51
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 51 of Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

51.

[No person shall] (A) A PERSON MAY NOT furnish or put in use for revenue billing purposes any gas meter or any electric meter unless it has been 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.

(B) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A GAS COMPANY; AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR A GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO SERVICE ANY NEW RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BUILDING ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AFTER JULY 1, 1978 UNLESS THAT BUILDING HAS AN INDIVIDUAL METER FOR EACH OCCUPANCY UNIT THAT IS INDIVIDUALLY LEASED OR OWNED.