

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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CHAPTER 562

(House Bill 1494)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission -  
Railroad Employees' Health and Safety

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission or its authorized agent to immediately close certain sidetrack or switch connections if they constitute a danger to the health or safety of any railroad employee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 38  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 38 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Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

38.

(A) Upon the application of any shipper, every railroad company shall construct, maintain and operate on reasonable terms a switch connection or connections with a lateral line of railroad or private sidetrack owned by such shipper, or provide upon its own property a sidetrack and switch connection for such shipper, whenever the switch connection or the sidetrack and switch connection are safe to install, reasonably practicable and justified by the volume of business therefor. Installation, maintenance, and compensation shall be subject to regulation by the Commission. Such connections may be discontinued if the Commission finds that the above conditions justifying them have ceased.