

## (Senate Bill 631)

## AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Organization, Powers  
and Duties

FOR the purpose of ~~revising the composition and certain powers, duties, responsibilities, procedures, and operations of the Public Service Commission and its staff, and generally relating to the Public Service Commission,~~ providing for the quorum requirements for the Public Service Commission and repealing a restriction on the function of hearing examiners.

~~BY repealing~~

~~Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 20  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)~~

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 5 20 and 16 (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 5A and 20  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 20 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Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed.~~

~~Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law~~

~~§ 20.~~

~~(a) The Commission shall conduct its proceedings on a bench or in panels of not less than three commissioners. However, the Commission may, at its discretion, provide that one hearing examiner be included on a panel, in lieu of a third commissioner, in order to constitute a panel of three.~~

~~(b) The Commission may delegate to a hearing examiner the authority to conduct any proceeding within its jurisdiction. In each delegated proceeding, the~~