PARCELS OF SUBDIVIDED LAND WHICE ARE PURCHASED BY THE SAME OWNER, THE COMBINED ACREAGE EXCHEDS 20 ACRES, AND THE PARCELS REMAIN—IN—ACRICULTURAL USE WERE RECEIVING AN AGRICULTURAL USE ASSESSMENT; PROVIDED THAT THE PURCHASER REQUESTS THAT THESE PURCHASED PARCELS EF CRANTED—AN CONTINUED AS AGRICULTURAL OR FARM USE ASSESSMENT.

For purposes of this subparagraph (iii), subdivision shall be evidenced by either a recorded plat or by a known, but unrecorded, plat used for purposes of selling or conveying lots or parcels even if the deed description of the lot or parcel does not refer to that plat.

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

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 901

(Senate Bill 637)

AN ACT concerning

Financing of Public Service Commission

FOR the purpose of increasing the ceiling of the annual assessment on public service companies to pay the costs and expenses of the Public Service Commission and providing that a certain portion of this assessment shall be allocated to the office of People's Counsel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amerdments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law Section 88 (b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 88(b) 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Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

88.

(b) The chairman of the Commission shall estimate prior to the start of each State fiscal year the total