

date; and providing for the handling of certain complaints arising out of this Act.

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
 Section 54F
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 75F
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

54F.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "APARTMENT HOUSE" MEANS A BUILDING OR BUILDINGS CONTAINING MORE THAN TWO DWELLING UNITS ALL OF WHICH ARE RENTED PRIMARILY FOR NONTRANSIENT USE, WITH RENTAL PAID AT INTERVALS OF ONE WEEK OR LONGER. THE TERM INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS AND COOPERATIVES, WHETHER RENTED OR OWNER OCCUPIED.

(3) "DWELLING UNIT" MEANS A ROOM OR ROOMS SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY AS A RESIDENCE CONTAINING KITCHEN AND BATHROOM FACILITIES.

(4) "SUBMETERING" MEANS THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE ACTUAL USE OF ELECTRICITY PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN APARTMENT HOUSES AS DEFINED IN (A) (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS UNDER WHICH ANY OWNER, OPERATOR, OR MANAGER OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE WHICH IS NOT INDIVIDUALLY METERED FOR ELECTRICITY FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT MAY INSTALL SUBMETERING EQUIPMENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FAIRLY ALLOCATING THE COST OF EACH INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT'S ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION. EXCEPT IN UNITS CONSTRUCTED, MANAGED, OPERATED, DEVELOPED, OR SUBSIDIZED BY A LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY AS ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 44A, IF, DURING THE TERM OF ANY LEASE OR AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMED FOR THE DWELLING UNIT, THE