

creating the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, and if Chapter does not become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

Approved May 29, 1978.

CHAPTER 878

(House Bill 437)

AN ACT concerning

Power Plant Siting Act

FOR the purpose of requiring that acquisition of sites for power plants not take place except under certain conditions; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
~~Section 3-305(a)~~ Section 3-305(a) and (b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 54B (e)  
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Natural Resources

3-305.

(a) The expertise of the electric utilities in the basic requirements including environmental considerations of a site for power generation and generator lead route is a needed element in site selection. Therefore, for the purposes of insuring adequate power on reasonable schedules while also protecting the quality of the State's environment, site acquisition and generator lead route designation may occur as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, any site either already owned or purchased in the future by electric companies shall be included in the