

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 64D to be under the new subheading "Liquified
Natural Gas Regulation"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS REGULATION

64D.

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

(2) "LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS" MEANS NATURAL GAS COOLED TO FORM A LIQUID AT APPROXIMATELY ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

(3) "LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY" MEANS ANY FACILITY USED FOR THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, OR REGASIFICATION, ~~OR TRANSPORTATION BY PIPELINE~~ OF LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ENSURE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE THE OPERATIONAL SAFETY OF ALL LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITIES IN THIS STATE.

(C) THE COMMISSION PERIODICALLY SHALL INSPECT ALL LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITIES IN THIS STATE TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION. THESE INSPECTIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT INTERVALS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES NECESSARY.

(D) THE COMMISSION MAY ENFORCE THESE REGULATIONS BY ANY OF THE METHODS PROVIDED IN §§ 99, 100, AND 102 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION EXERCISES THE JURISDICTION OF THIS STATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW. THE COMMISSION MAY ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

(F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT MAKE ANY PERSON A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY WHO IS NOT ONE UNDER § 2(O) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(G) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A