

(1) TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECTION AND COORDINATION OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE COMMISSION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE HEARING EXAMINERS, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL OF ITS FUNCTIONS; AND

(2) TO PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES AS THE COMMISSION MAY PRESCRIBE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 27, 1980.

CHAPTER 802

(House Bill 1749)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Staff Duties

FOR the purpose of requiring the staff of the Public Service Commission to analyze certain data and prepare a staff position based upon that analysis; and noting the budgetary implications of this requirement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 16(a) and 62(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

16.

(a) The annual budget shall provide sufficient funds for the Commission to hire, develop, and organize a staff to perform its functions under this article, including but not limited to the analysis of all data submitted to the Commission and [the preparation of a staff position in matters pending before the Commission] TO THE PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDINGS AS PROVIDED IN § 62. The Commission shall hire economists; cost of capital experts; rate design experts; accountants; engineers; transportation specialists; lawyers; and any other experts deemed necessary to meet the needs of the Commission; or, as required, retain such