

accrue to the Fund. The Department shall credit against the amount required to be paid into the Environmental Trust Fund by each electric company an amount equal to 1 1/2% of the total surcharge attributed to each company on the basis of the electricity generated within Maryland.

(c) The Secretary shall administer the Fund. The Fund is subject to the provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning. The moneys in the Fund shall be used to carry out the provisions of this subtitle as provided for in the budget, except that 10 percent of all moneys accruing to the Fund after July 1, 1978, shall be used to supplement funds necessary to carry out the duties of the People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission. The People's Counsel shall submit an annual budget of necessary supplemental funds to the Department to be incorporated in the Department's budget. For the purposes of this subtitle, the Secretary may execute appropriate contracts with any State or federal agency, research organization, industry, or academic institution to conduct the necessary research, construct or acquire, or both, real property including physical predictive models, laboratories, buildings, land, and appurtenances, or support the technological development of extraordinary systems related to power plants designed to minimize environmental impact. He may utilize available expertise in any other State unit in the development, execution, and management of contracts and agreements on projects relating to their areas of prime responsibility.

(d) The Legislative Auditor shall conduct post audits of a fiscal and compliance nature of the Fund and of the appropriations and expenditures made for the purposes of this subtitle. The cost of the fiscal portion of the post audit examinations shall be an operating cost of the Fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.

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CHAPTER 267

(Senate Bill 355)

AN ACT concerning

Licenses - Vaudeville Shows and Carnivals - Fees

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law concerning the license fees for vaudeville shows, patent medicine performances, and carnivals.