

other motor carriers and the general public of satisfactory evidence and identification of such motor carrier status. Any lessee motor carrier may exclude commercial vehicles of which he is the lessee from his reports and liabilities pursuant to this subtitle, but only if the commercial motor vehicles in question have been leased from a lessor who is a motor carrier pursuant to this section.

(2) A LESSEE OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL BE DEEMED A MOTOR CARRIER WITH RESPECT TO THOSE VEHICLES AND THE MOTOR FUEL CONSUMED BY THEM, TO THE SAME EXTENT AS IF THE LESSEE OWNED THE VEHICLES, IF THE WRITTEN LEASE AGREEMENT ENTITLES THE LESSEE TO RECEIVE ANY CREDIT OR REFUND ON FUEL PURCHASED BY THE LESSOR.

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

Approved May 20, 1982.

CHAPTER 296

(Senate Bill 785)

AN ACT concerning

Office of the People's Counsel - Funding

FOR the purpose of changing the amount which may be charged a public service company for the operation of the Office of the People's Counsel; providing for the continuance of the current annual budget procedures through a certain date; and eliminating the People's Counsel funding derived from the Environmental Trust Fund after a certain date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 88(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 3-302(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)