

## CHAPTER 422

(House Bill 1420)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Master Individual Metering

FOR the purpose of exempting central heating and cooling systems for new public housing units from master individual meter restrictions under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 51(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 51(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

## Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

51.

(b) (1) The Public Service Commission may not authorize a gas company, an electric company, or a gas and electric company to service any new residential multiple occupancy building on which construction begins after July 1, 1978 or any new shopping center on which construction begins after July 1, 1985 unless the building or shopping center has individual metered service for each occupancy unit or shopping center unit that is individually leased or owned. However, subject to rules and regulations established by the commission, it may authorize service to the new shopping center by a gas company, an electric company, or a gas and electric company for central heating and cooling systems, or any combination of them when such service has been shown to the satisfaction of the Commission to result in a substantial net saving of energy used by these systems over the energy saving that would result from individual metering. The service restrictions of this subsection do not apply to central hot water. ~~THE--SERVICE~~