FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from authorizing any mandatory telephone company charges based on a measured time period unit rate for local messages; providing that this Act does not preclude the Commission from any study or evaluation of mandatory telephone company charges; repealing certain obsolete provisions; and correcting an error.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law Section 68(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:

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68.

- (c) (1) The Commission may not authorize ANY MANDATORY telephone company charges based on a measured time period unit rate for local messages [,except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection. However, the Commission shall study such mandatory telephone charges for computer data transmissions and report back to the General Assembly by January 1, 1982.
- (2) After June 30, 1982, for computer data transmissions, the Commission may authorize mandatory telephone company charges based on a cost-justified measured time period unit rate for local messages].
- (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE COMMISSION FROM ANY STUDY OR EVALUATION OF MANDATORY TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 549

(Senate Bill 753)

AN ACT concerning