Maryland, their agents or contractors, nor to the repair or maintenance of electrical power plants and systems owned or operated by private companies or corporations, which produce or generate electricity for their own use.]

63.

- (A)--IN--THIS--SECTION,-"CONTRACTOR"-MEANS-A-CONTRACTOR
 WHO-HAS--PERFORMED--CONSTRUCTION--AND--MAINTENANCE--WORK--ON
 HIGH-VOLTACE--LINES--FOR--AT--LEAST-100-HOURS-IN-ANY-6-MONTH
 PERIOD-AND-WHO-HAS-A-REPUTATION-FOR-EXPERTISE-IN-THIS--AREA-
- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "CONTRACTOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO AGREES TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE WORK ON HIGH VOLTAGE LINES OR TELEPHONE LINES.
- (2) A CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE PERFORMED AT LEAST 100 HOURS CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE WORK IN ANY 6 MONTH PERIOD AND HAVE A REPUTATION FOR EXPERTISE IN THE AREA TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
 - (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:
- (1) THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF HIGH-VOLTAGE LINES OR TELEPHONE LINES, THEIR SUPPORTING STRUCTURES, OR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT BY PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND;
- (2) CONTRACTORS OF THESE PUBLIC UTILITIES WHILE PERFORMING CONSTRUCTION ON MAINTENANCE WORK ON HIGH-VOLTAGE LINES OR TELEPHONE LINES ; ΘR
- (3) THE <u>CONSTRUCTION</u>, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL POWER PLANTS AND <u>OR</u> SYSTEMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS WHICH PRODUCE OR, GENERATE, OR DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY FOR THEIR OWN USE AND HAVE A REPUTATION FOR EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA---; OR
- (4) THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS, HIGHWAY SIGNS, HIGHWAY LIGHTING, AND ALL SUPPORTING STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

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

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President: