accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 754.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 754

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Utility Emergencies - Incidental Drivers

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions relating to motor carriers do not apply to certain incidental drivers during a declared utility emergency: repealing a requirement that a utility emergency declared by the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee must be renewed by the Governor if it extends for more than a certain number of days; authorizing a utility company to declare a utility emergency; requiring a utility company to file a certain plan with the Secretary or the Secretary's designee before the utility company may declare a utility emergency; requiring a utility company, if a utility emergency is declared, to provide certain notification to the Secretary or the Secretary's designee within a certain number of hours providing that certain incidental drivers employed by or under contract with a utility company are exempt from certain requirements during a certain utility emergency if the utility company has prefiled certain information with the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee; requiring the Secretary or the Secretary's designee to require certain information, make a certain determination, and notify a utility company of certain matters under certain circumstances; providing for renewal of a certain utility emergency under certain circumstances; altering the definition of "utility emergency" to include the disruption or potential distribution disruption of certain cable service; defining certain terms; making certain technical corrections and stylistic changes; and generally relating to utility emergencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 25-111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

25-111.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.