SECTION -3- 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 683

(Senate Bill 679)

AN ACT concerning

Power Plant Siting and Research Program -Environmental Surcharge

FOR the purpose of establishing a maximum environmental surcharge that can be assessed against a customer each month to provide revenue for the Environmental Trust Fund; and-making this-Act-an--emergency--measure requiring that a certain reduction in revenues not be offset by other means; and requiring a certain study and report by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 3-302(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law Section 54B(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1980 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

3-302.

(b) (1) The Secretary annually shall coordinate the preparation of a budget required to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. Upon approval of the budget by the General Assembly, the Public Service Commission shall establish the amount of the surcharge per kilowatt hour for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1972, and for each subsequent fiscal year. The surcharge-may-not-continue-beyond-1990-nor-may-it-ever-exceed-0.2