

CHAPTER 745

(House Bill 782)

AN ACT concerning

Power Plant Site Acquisition

FOR the purpose of removing the requirement for the Department of Natural Resources to acquire a power plant site for certain electric utility companies; providing that the Department may acquire a power plant site for an electric utility company upon request by the Public Service Commission; removing a restriction on the Department's ability to acquire a power plant site for certain electric utility companies; modifying the circumstances under which the Public Service Commission requests the Secretary of Natural Resources to purchase a power plant site; altering the title of a certain Act; and generally relating to power plant site acquisition.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 3-305(a) and (b) and the subtitle "Subtitle 3. Power Plant Siting and Research Program

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

Section 54B(e)

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

Subtitle 3. Power Plant [Siting and] Research Program

3-305.

(a) The expertise of the electric utilities in the basic requirements, including environmental considerations, of a site for power generation and generator lead route is a needed element in site selection. Therefore, for the purposes of insuring adequate power on reasonable schedules while also protecting the quality of the State's environment, site acquisition and generator lead route designation may occur as follows: