

CHAPTER 147

(Senate Bill 510)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Utility Consumer Advisory Panel

FOR the purpose of repealing the provisions of law creating the utility consumer advisory panel within the Public Service Commission; and generally repealing certain provisions of law relating to the utility consumer advisory panel of the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 3A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

[3A.

(a) In this section the terms "utility" and "utility company" mean any gas company, electric company, gas and electric company, or telephone company.

(b) The utility consumer advisory panel is created within the Public Service Commission and shall advise the Commission on general goals for the development of programs, undertake studies and issue reports, and foster cooperation and understanding regarding utility matters among federal, State, and local agencies as well as private groups and consumers.

(c) The utility consumer advisory panel shall advise the people's counsel on general goals for the development of programs, and shall also render advice on specific consumer goals and objectives in order to assist the people's counsel in formulating policy in rate cases, investigations, and other matters in which the people's counsel may from time to time be involved.

(d) The utility consumer advisory panel may meet at times as its members may decide. However, the panel shall meet at least once every three months with the commissioners of the Public Service Commission and the people's counsel to render advice and assistance to them.