

CHAPTER 377

(House Bill 140)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of eliminating the jurisdiction and authority of the Public Service Commission to regulate radio common carriers and cellular telephone companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 2(o) and (z)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 55A
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

2.

(o) "Public service company" means a common carrier company, gas company, electric company, steam heating company, telephone company, telegraph company, [radio common carrier,] water company, sewage disposal company, and/or any combination thereof. Two public service companies shall be considered of the same class, where they are both common carrier companies or both gas companies, electric companies, gas and electric companies, steam heating companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, water companies, OR sewage disposal companies [or radio common carriers].

(z) "Telephone company" includes any public service company which owns telephone lines for the reception, transmission or communication of messages by telephone or teletype, or which lets, licenses, or sells telephonic or teletype communication. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY.

[55A.