

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 54H  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 54H, 54-I, and 54J, respectively, of Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 54-I, 54J, and 54K, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

54H.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "APARTMENT HOUSE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN § 54G(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "DWELLING UNIT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN § 54G(A)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) "ENERGY ALLOCATION SYSTEM" MEANS A METHOD OF DETERMINING THE APPROXIMATE ENERGY USE WITHIN AN INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT UNIT BY AN APPROVED MEASURING DEVICE.

(5) "INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT UNIT" MEANS A DWELLING UNIT IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING.

(B) (1) ENERGY ALLOCATION EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES THAT DETERMINE AN INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT UNIT'S GAS OR ELECTRICITY USE BY MEANS OTHER THAN BY ACTUAL MEASUREMENT OF FUEL OR ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMED BY THOSE UNITS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

(2) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SPECIFYING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ENERGY ALLOCATION EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE INSTALLED AND IMPLEMENTED, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMING CONSUMERS ABOUT ESTIMATED ENERGY COSTS.

(3) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL SEND ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL APARTMENT UNIT'S GAS OR ELECTRIC