

~~People's Counsel upon leaving the employment of the Commission or the Office of People's Counsel; changing certain prohibitions applicable to certain personnel of the Commission regarding soliciting, suggesting, requesting, or recommending persons to a public service company concerning employment; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the changing of certain postemployment restrictions applicable to certain employees and other personnel of the Public Service Commission and the Office of People's Counsel.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 78 – Public Service Commission Law
 Section 16A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 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

16A.

(a) No personnel of the Commission or of the Office of People's Counsel or the family of any such personnel, shall, during their service, hold any official relation or connection with any public service company, or have any pecuniary interest therein, whether as the holder of stock or other securities or otherwise.

(b) No personnel of the Commission or of the Office of People's Counsel shall hold any office or position, or be engaged in any business or avocation, which is incompatible with the duties of their office or employment with the Commission.

(c) No personnel of the Commission or of the Office of People's Counsel shall solicit, suggest, request or recommend directly or indirectly to any public service company the appointment of any person to any office or place of employment. ~~No commissioner, People's Counsel, General Counsel, or hearing examiner shall represent a public service company in any way or appear before the Commission on behalf of any party to a Commission proceeding or on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission until at least [two years] 1 YEAR after that person has left the employment of the Commission.~~ NO COMMISSIONER OR PEOPLE'S COUNSEL SHALL REPRESENT A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY IN ANY WAY OR APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTY TO A COMMISSION PROCEEDING OR ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION UNTIL AT LEAST 2 YEARS AFTER THAT PERSON HAS LEFT THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL.

(d) No personnel of the Commission or of the Office of People's Counsel, or the family of any such personnel, shall accept from any public service company, its officers, agents or employees, any present, gift, or gratuity, or any special consideration of any kind whatsoever.