

(2) The Task Force shall:

(i) Issue an interim report, including any recommendations for legislative changes for consideration by the General Assembly in the 2000 Session, by December 1, 1999; and

(ii) Issue a final report, including any additional recommendations for legislative changes for consideration by the General Assembly, by December 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year~~ 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 605

(House Bill 126)

AN ACT concerning

Steam Heating Companies

FOR the purpose of eliminating the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission over steam heating companies; providing that a steam heating company is an "owner" for purposes of certain underground utility provisions; requiring a steam heating company to abide by a certain rate structure for a certain period; requiring a steam heating company to maintain service to certain customers for a certain period; requiring certain notice to certain persons; authorizing certain customers to file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Protection, for certain violations; requiring the Division to investigate certain allegations and proceed in accordance with certain provisions of law; providing that a violation of certain provisions of this Act shall be considered a violation under certain other provisions of law; and generally relating to steam heating companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 1-101(p), 4-401, 4-402(a) and (b), 6-202(b), and 12-101(f)

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BY repealing

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 1-101(w)

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