

This bill eliminates the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission over steam heating companies. The bill also requires formerly regulated steam heating companies to be bound by the rate structure in effect on September 30, 1999 as a maximum until October 2002.

House Bill 126, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 236.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### Senate Bill 236

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)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume)

BY repealing

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 1-101(w)

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BY renumbering

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 1-101(x) through (gg), respectively  
to be Section 1-101(w) through (ff), respectively