

(2) on or before December 1, 1999, a steam heating company that ceases to be a regulated public service company under this Act shall notify its customers of the provisions and effect of this Act, and of the continuing effect of subsection (1) of this section; and

(3) a customer who is subjected to a violation of subsection (1) of this section may file a written complaint with the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Protection. After the filing of a complaint, the Division shall investigate the allegations to ascertain the issues and facts, and proceed in accordance with §§ 13-401 through 13-409 of the Commercial Law Article. For the purpose of enforcing subsection (1) of this section, a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be considered a violation under Title 13 of the Commercial Law Article.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 259.

This bill requires the Division of State Documents to make available to the public, at no cost, direct on-line searching of the Code of Maryland Regulation, the Maryland Register and any other material the division determines to be in the public interest.

House Bill 858, 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 259.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill 259

AN ACT concerning

Division of State Documents - Public On-Line Access

FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of State Documents to provide the public with certain on-line access to certain materials; requiring the receipt of certain materials to be preceded by certain information; prohibiting the use of certain data or material for commercial purposes; establishing a certain fine for certain violations; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date; and