

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BEFORE ADOPTING REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT CONSUMERS OF GAS SUPPLY AND GAS SUPPLY SERVICES.

(C) THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL HAS THE SAME AUTHORITY IN LICENSING, COMPLAINT, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEEDINGS AS THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL HAS UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE AND TITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) IN CONNECTION WITH A CONSUMER COMPLAINT OR COMMISSION INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A GAS SUPPLIER SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION ACCESS TO ANY ACCOUNTS, BOOKS, PAPERS, AND DOCUMENTS THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE A MATTER IN DISPUTE.

7-606.

THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS OR ADOPT ORDERS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE THAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE REFERRED TO AS THE "NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER LICENSING AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2000".

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That gas suppliers doing business in the State before the effective date of this Act shall be required to obtain a license from the Commission under Title 7, Subtitle 6 of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act, on or before July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That contracts between gas suppliers and customers entered into before the effective date of this Act are not subject to orders or regulations adopted by the Commission under § 7-604 of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 670

(House Bill 1147)

AN ACT concerning

Bicycle and Pedestrian Access 2001

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements relating to the State's Consolidated Transportation Program to require inclusion of certain information concerning pedestrians; stating certain findings of the General Assembly and declaring