

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to license gas suppliers, with certain protections; providing that the Commission has certain authority to take certain actions with respect to gas suppliers; requiring the Commission to adopt certain consumer protection provisions; providing that this Act does not affect the authority of the Office of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to enforce certain provisions; providing that this Act does not prevent the application of certain federal and State laws to certain persons; providing that the People's Counsel has certain authority in certain proceedings; requiring a gas supplier to provide certain access to certain records as the Commission considers necessary; requiring the Commission to adopt certain licensing requirements and procedures; requiring the Commission to ensure that certain requirements of this Act are met with respect to certain accepted or approved restructuring plans or programs; making certain findings of the General Assembly; providing that a gas supplier is a public service company for certain purposes; defining certain terms; providing that certain contracts may not be subject to this Act; and generally relating to natural gas supply, regulation, and competition.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 1–101(n) through (nn), respectively

to be Section 1–101(o) through (bb) and (dd) through (pp), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 1–101(b) and (c) and 2–110(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 1–101(p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 1–101(n) and (cc)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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