

- (vi) violating a Commission regulation or order;
- (vii) failing to pay, collect, remit, or calculate accurately applicable State or local taxes;
- (viii) violating a provision of this article or any other applicable consumer protection law of the State;
- (ix) conviction of a felony by the licensee or principal of the licensee or any crime involving fraud, theft, or deceit; and
- (x) suspension or revocation of a license by any State or federal authority;

(1) (1) An electricity supplier or person selling or offering to sell electricity in the State in violation of this section, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, is subject to:

- (i) a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for the violation; or
- (ii) license revocation or suspension.

(2) Each day a violation continues is a separate violation.

(3) The Commission shall determine the amount of any civil penalty after considering:

- (i) the number of previous violations of any provision of this article;
- (ii) the gravity of the current violation; and
- (iii) the good faith of the electricity supplier or person charged in attempting to achieve compliance after notification of the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

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 471 - Department of Natural Resources - Vessel Operation - Regulations.

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations prohibiting the use of personal water craft above idle in certain waters of the State.