

(3) The Commission may not authorize a gas company or electric company to service an occupancy unit or shopping center unit subject to this subsection unless the building or shopping center has individual metered service or submetering as provided under § 7-303 or § 7-304 of this subtitle for each individually leased or owned occupancy unit or shopping center unit.

(4) In accordance with its regulations, the Commission may authorize a gas company or electric company to provide service for central heating or cooling systems, or a combination of those systems, to an occupancy unit or shopping center unit subject to this subsection if the Commission is satisfied that the service will result in a substantial net saving of energy over the energy saving that would result from individual metering or submetering as provided under § 7-303 or § 7-304 of this subtitle.

(d) The owner, operator, or manager of a residential multiple occupancy building or shopping center subject to this section may not impose a utility cost on an occupancy unit or shopping center unit, except for charges that:

(1) the Commission authorizes the gas company or electric company to impose; and

(2) the gas company or electric company actually imposes on the owner, operator, or manager.

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(a) Except as required under subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of this subtitle may not be applied to a small rural electric cooperative that:

(1) has less than 10% of its distribution territory within the State;

(2) maintains its principal place of business outside the State; and

(3) is subject to, and conducts its operations within the State in compliance with, the laws of the state in which its principal place of business is located.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 102

(Senate Bill 553)

AN ACT concerning

**Assisted Living Facilities - Certification - Third Party Accreditation
Programs and Managers**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Department of Health and Mental