

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Public Utility Companies**

7-516.

(d) (1) (i) In recognition of the potential environmental impacts of restructuring the electric industry, it is the intent of the General Assembly to minimize the effects of electric restructuring on the environment.

(ii) Electric companies in Maryland shall conduct a study that tracks shifts in generation and emissions as a result of restructuring the electric industry.

(iii) The study shall be submitted to the Department of the Environment and the Commission one year after the initial date of implementation of customer choice.

(IV) ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN MARYLAND SHALL UPDATE THIS THE STUDY TWICE AND SUBMIT EACH UPDATED STUDY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2004 2005.

(2) If, after review of the study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department of the Environment determines that the emissions levels impose a higher emission burden in Maryland, the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission, shall study the appropriateness, constitutionality, and feasibility of establishing an air quality surcharge or other mechanism to protect Maryland's environment in connection with the implementation of customer choice of electricity suppliers.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 145**

**(Senate Bill 287)**

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Fuel and Lubricants - Dyed Diesel Fuel**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of dyed diesel fuel in the propulsion tanks of highway vehicles; prohibiting the sale or delivery of dyed diesel fuel under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; authorizing the Comptroller to inspect the propulsion tanks of certain vehicles; requiring the Comptroller to enforce certain provisions of this Act; requiring certain persons to provide certain notice and requiring the