

3. ONE MEMBER WHO HAS ENGAGED THE SERVICES OF A SECURITY SYSTEMS AGENCY; AND

[(iii) three] 4. TWO members representing consumers.

(2) A HEARING BEFORE AN ADVISORY PANEL UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE A HEARING BEFORE THE SECRETARY.

(b) The Secretary or the advisory panel shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(c) The hearing notice to be given to the individual shall be sent by certified mail to the last known address of the individual at least 10 business days before the hearing.

(d) The Secretary or the advisory panel may administer oaths in connection with any proceeding under this section.

(e) The individual may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

(f) If, after due notice, the individual against whom the action is contemplated fails or refuses to appear, the Secretary or the advisory panel may, nevertheless, hear and determine the matter.

~~18-504.~~

~~(a) A person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding [\$1,000] \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.~~

~~(b) The fines assessed under §§ 18-309 and 18-3A-09 of this title may not exceed \$5,000 per violation and shall be paid to the Secretary within 10 days after final adjudication of any hearing or the waiver of any hearing.~~

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

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 263

(House Bill 1130)

AN ACT concerning

Universal Service Program Fund - Retention

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission to retain certain funds in the universal service program fund at the end of a certain date and make the funds available for disbursement through a certain date; requiring the Commission and the Department of Human Resources to report to certain persons on certain matters pertaining to the universal service program fund by