

Commission safety standards and regulations by gas companies; and generally relating to the regulation of gas companies by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 78 – Public Service Commission Law
Section 102A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article 78 – Public Service Commission Law

102A.

(a) (1) Any gas company which violates any provision of the Commission's standards of safe service, or other regulations related to safety as adopted in accordance with § 73 of this article, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed [~~\$1,000~~] \$10,000 for each violation for each day that the violation persists.

(2) [~~However, the~~] THE maximum civil penalty shall not exceed [~~\$200,000~~] \$500,000 for any related series of violations.

(b) The amount of any civil penalty shall be determined by the Commission. Upon request of the gas company involved, and within 30 days of the date of notification of the determination, the gas company may request reconsideration for the purpose of obtaining a compromise. The Commission in making the determination as to the amount of any civil penalty or any compromise thereof shall consider the appropriateness of the penalty to the size of the business of the gas company charged, the gravity of the violation and the good faith of the gas company charged in attempting to achieve compliance, after notification of violation. The amount of the penalty, when finally determined, or the amount agreed upon in compromise, may be deducted from any sums owing by the State to the gas company charged or may be recovered in a civil action in the State courts.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 30, 1991.

CHAPTER 64

(Senate Bill 13)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Taxicabs