Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

House Bill No. 1292

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Directory Assistance

FOR the purpose of altering the number of directory assistance calls made by residential customers for which local exchange telephone companies are prohibited from levying charges; requiring the Public Service Commission to adjust certain residential telephone rates to provide certain income to local exchange telephone companies; specifying that the Commission may not authorize telephone companies to charge for certain directory assistance calls; making stylistic changes; requiring telephone companies to notify certain customers about certain exemptions; providing for the effective date of certain sections of this Act; and generally relating to calls for directory assistance made to telephone companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

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(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act.)

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

68.

- (b) (1) The Commission may not authorize A LOCAL EXCHANGE telephone company charges to be levied TO LEVY CHARGES for directory assistance calls made by residential customers upon the first [12] 5 6 calls made to directory assistance from each residential service per monthly billing cycle.
- (2) IN ORDER TO DETERMINE JUST AND REASONABLE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADJUST THE RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE RATES OF A LOCAL EXCHANGE