

CHAPTER 129

(Senate Bill 417)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs and Services – ~~Prohibition of Surcharge Without Customer Consent~~ Notification and Report

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving any program or service for the use and conservation of energy that requires or allows a gas company or an electric company to provide a product or service to a gas customer or an electric customer for which the customer would be charged a surcharge without a certain consent; requiring a gas company or an electric company under certain circumstances to separately state a certain surcharge and clearly describe the purpose of the surcharge on a customer's bill; requiring, under certain circumstances, a gas company or an electric company to refund the amount of the surcharge or credit the amount of the surcharge; requiring electric companies and gas companies to provide certain customers with notice of certain energy efficiency and conservation charges and benefits in a certain manner with a certain frequency; requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on the status of certain energy efficiency and conservation programs on certain dates; making a stylistic change; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to energy efficiency and conservation programs and services approved by the Public Service Commission.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 7-211

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utility Companies

7-211.

(a) Subject to review and approval by the Commission, each gas company and electric company shall develop and implement programs and services to encourage