

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, MAY 5, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 31, 1937 (P.L.160, No.43), entitled
2 "An act creating a commission to be known as the Pennsylvania
3 Public Utility Commission; defining in part the powers and
4 duties of such commission; abolishing The Public Service
5 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, terminating
6 the terms of the members thereof, and transferring to the
7 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the records, employes,
8 property, and equipment of The Public Service Commission of
9 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the
10 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to appear in and
11 complete all pending proceedings, legal or otherwise,
12 instituted before, by or against The Public Service
13 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; providing
14 that all certificates of public convenience, contracts,
15 orders, and rules and regulations of the latter commission
16 shall remain effective until repealed, changed or modified by
17 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and transferring
18 and appropriating to the Pennsylvania Public Utility
19 Commission any unexpended balance of any existing
20 appropriation to The Public Service Commission of the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," requiring members of the
22 Public Utility Commission to devote full time to their
23 duties.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 3, act of March 31, 1937 (P.L.160,
27 No.43), entitled "An act creating a commission to be known as
28 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; defining in part the
29 powers and duties of such commission; abolishing The Public

1 Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
2 terminating the terms of the members thereof, and transferring
3 to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the records,
4 employes, property, and equipment of The Public Service
5 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the
6 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to appear in and complete
7 all pending proceedings, legal or otherwise, instituted before,
8 by or against The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth
9 of Pennsylvania; providing that all certificates of public
10 convenience, contracts, orders, and rules and regulations of the
11 latter commission shall remain effective until repealed, changed
12 or modified by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and
13 transferring and appropriating to the Pennsylvania Public
14 Utility Commission any unexpended balance of any existing
15 appropriation to The Public Service Commission of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," is amended to read:

17 Section 3. No person shall be appointed a member of the
18 commission, or hold any place, position or office under it, who
19 occupies any official relation to any public service company or
20 public utility, or who holds any other appointive or elective
21 office of the Commonwealth, or any political subdivision
22 thereof. [No] Every commissioner shall devote their entire time
23 to the duties of their office and no commissioner, and no
24 employe, appointee or official engaged in the service of, or in
25 any manner connected with, the commission, shall hold any office
26 or position, or be engaged in any business, employment or
27 vocation, the duties of which are incompatible with the duties
28 of his office as commissioner, or his employment in the service,
29 or in connection with the work of the commission. No
30 commissioner shall participate in any hearing or proceeding in

1 which he has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest. Every
2 commissioner, and every individual or official, employed or
3 appointed to office under, in the service of, or in connection
4 with, the work of the commission, is hereby forbidden, directly
5 or indirectly, to solicit or request from, or to suggest or
6 recommend to any public service company or public utility, or to
7 any officer, attorney, agent or employe thereof, the appointment
8 of any individual to any office, place or position in, or the
9 employment of any individual in any capacity by, such public
10 service company or public utility. If any person employed or
11 appointed in the service of the commission shall violate any
12 provision of this section, the commission shall forthwith remove
13 him from the office or employment held by him.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.