

# HOUSE BILL 741

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By: **Delegate Carr**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission – New and Changed Rates – Notice Period**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the period during which a public service company is  
4 required to provide notice to the Public Service Commission before establishing  
5 or changing a certain rate; altering the number of days during which a public  
6 service company is required to publish a new rate or change in rate in certain  
7 schedules; defining certain terms; and generally relating to public utility rate  
8 setting proceedings.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Public Utilities  
11 Section 4–203  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 4–203.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
19 MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) “BUSINESS DAY” MEANS A CALENDAR DAY OTHER THAN A  
21 SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY.

22 (3) “LEGAL HOLIDAY” MEANS:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I) THE DAY ON WHICH A LEGAL HOLIDAY, AS DEFINED IN**  
2 **ARTICLE 1, § 27 OF THE CODE, IS OBSERVED; OR**

3                   **(II) A FEDERAL LEGAL HOLIDAY.**

4           **[(a)] (B)** Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, a public service  
5 company may not establish a new rate or change in rate unless the public service  
6 company:

7                   (1) provides to the Commission notice of the new rate or change in rate  
8 at least **[30] 22 BUSINESS** days before the new rate is established or current rate is  
9 changed; and

10                   (2) publishes the new rate or change in rate in accordance with §  
11 4-202 of this subtitle during the entire **[30] 22 BUSINESS** day notice period in new  
12 schedules or plainly indicated amendments to existing schedules.

13           **[(b)] (C)** The public service company shall plainly set forth in the notice and  
14 publication:

15                   (1) the changes that it proposes to the rate schedules currently in  
16 force; and

17                   (2) the effective date of the changes.

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2013.