



General Assembly

February Session, 2002

**Raised Bill No. 659**

LCO No. 2574

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:  
(APP)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE OFFICE OF  
CONSUMER COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY  
CONTROL AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONSUMER COUNSEL  
AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Consumer Counsel and  
2 the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority shall review (1)  
3 the functions and activities of the Office of Consumer Counsel and the  
4 Department of Public Utility Control in order to evaluate the cost and  
5 effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for  
6 their continued funding, and (2) the purposes for which the resources  
7 of the Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund are  
8 expended in order to determine the most appropriate uses for such  
9 resources. The Consumer Counsel and the chairperson shall submit  
10 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
11 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
12 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January  
13 15, 2003, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2002

**Statement of Purpose:**

To review expenditures for the functions and activities of the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Department of Public Utility Control and expenditures from the Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*