

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 706

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Public Body Obligation" and substitute "Maryland Hospital Bond Program - Study"; strike beginning with "providing" in line 3 down through "hospitals" in line 6 and substitute "requiring the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct a certain study of the Maryland Hospital Bond Program and to make a certain report by a certain date"; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 13, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows:" and substitute "the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority and the Health Services Cost Review Commission, in consultation with bond rating agencies, bond insurance companies, the Maryland Hospital Association, and any other interested parties, shall study changes to the Maryland Hospital Bond Program that will ensure access to affordable capital for Maryland hospitals while providing for the orderly elimination of excess hospital capacity in Maryland. On or before December 31, 2000, the Authority and the Commission, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall report any findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 1 through line 17 on page 2, inclusive.