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By: **Delegates Gordon and Barve**Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2000
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1.	AN	ACT	concerning	
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2 Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Disposition of Fees

- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the State Comptroller distribute
- 4 into the State Scholarship Administration a certain percentage of fees collected
- 5 by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Health Occupations
- 8 Section 14-207
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 Article - Health Occupations

- 14 14-207.
- 15 (a) There is a Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund.
- 16 (b) (1) The Board may set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of 17 licenses and its other services.
- 18 (2) Funds to cover the compensation and expenses of the Board members 19 shall be generated by fees set under this section.
- 20 (c) (1) Except for fees assessed in accordance with the provisions of §
- 21 14-402(e) of this title, the Board shall pay all fees collected under the provisions of
- 22 this title to the Comptroller of the State.
- 23 (2) The Comptroller shall distribute[:
- 24 (i) 14 percent of the fees received from the Board to the State
- 25 Scholarship Administration to be used as follows:

HOUSE BILL 1171

1 2	1. One-half to make grants under the Health Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program under § 18-803 of the Education Article; and				
5 6 7	2. One-half to make grants under the Loan Assistance Repayment Program under § 18-1502(c) of the Education Article to physicians engaged in primary care or to medical residents specializing in primary care who agree to practice for at least 2 years as primary care physicians in a geographic area of the State that has been designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as being medically underserved; and				
9 10	(ii) The balance of the] ALL fees to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund.				
	(d) (1) The Fund shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the provisions of this title.				
14 15	(2) (i) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund, not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.				
	(ii) Any unspent portions of the Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this title.				
19	(3) No other State money may be used to support the Fund.				
20 21	(e) (1) The Chairman of the Board or the designee of the Chairman shall administer the Fund.				
22 23	(2) Moneys in the Fund may be expended only for any lawful purpose authorized by the provisions of this title.				
24 25	(f) The Legislative Auditor shall audit the accounts and transactions of the Fund as provided in § 2-1220 of the State Government Article.				
26 27	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.				