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**By: Senator Hollinger**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission - Collection of Data**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain limitation on a certain demographic  
4 characteristic of patients contained in the Maryland medical care data base;  
5 requiring the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission to eliminate  
6 certain encrypted patient identifiers after a certain event; and generally relating to  
7 the collection of data by the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Health - General  
10 Section 19-1507(b) and (d)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 19-1507.

17 (b) In addition to any other information the Commission may require by  
18 regulation, the medical care data base shall:

19 (1) Collect for each type of patient encounter with a health care practitioner  
20 or office facility designated by the Commission:

21 (i) The demographic characteristics of the patient, EXCEPT THAT  
22 THE DATE OF BIRTH OF A PATIENT MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN THE MONTH  
23 AND YEAR OF BIRTH;

24 (ii) The principal diagnosis;

25 (iii) The procedure performed;

26 (iv) The date and location of where the procedure was performed;

27 (v) The charge for the procedure;

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1 (vi) If the bill for the procedure was submitted on an assigned or  
2 nonassigned basis; and

3 (vii) If applicable, a health care practitioner's universal identification  
4 number;

5 (2) Collect appropriate information relating to prescription drugs for each  
6 type of patient encounter with a pharmacist designated by the Commission; and

7 (3) Collect appropriate information relating to health care costs, utilization,  
8 or resources from payors and governmental agencies.

9 (d) (1) To the extent practicable, when collecting the data required under  
10 subsection (b) of this section, the Commission shall utilize any standardized claim form or  
11 electronic transfer system being used by health care practitioners, office facilities, and  
12 payors.

13 (2) The Commission shall develop appropriate methods for collecting the  
14 data required under subsection (b) of this section on subscribers or enrollees of health  
15 maintenance organizations.

16 (3) FOR ANY ENCRYPTED PATIENT IDENTIFIER SUBMITTED TO THE  
17 COMMISSION BY A PAYOR, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, OR OFFICE FACILITY, THE  
18 COMMISSION SHALL ELIMINATE THE PATIENT IDENTIFIER AFTER EDITING THE  
19 DATA FROM THE PATIENT IDENTIFIER.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 1996.