

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 635

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Rates and Payments” and substitute “Reports and Notifications”; strike beginning with “increasing” in line 3 down through “Act;” in line 19, inclusive, and substitute “requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to submit certain reports to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee; requiring the Commission to send certain regulations to the Senate Finance Committee and House Environmental Matters Committee under certain circumstances; providing for the effective date;”; in line 20, strike the first “and”; in lines 20 and 21, strike “rates and payments” and substitute “reports and notifications”; and on pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 2 through line 17 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, by October 1, 1997 and each year thereafter, a report on the following:

(1) Regulatory, procedural, and policy changes in the past year relating to alternative methods for funding the reasonable cost of hospital uncompensated care; and

(2) Instances over the past year in which a Commission member voted to approve or disapprove a grant to a facility or when the member asked to be recused from a vote when the Commission member had a connection to the management or policy of the facility.

(Over)

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in addition to the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, any time the Health Services Cost Review Commission submits regulations for publication in the Maryland Register relating to alternative methods for funding the reasonable costs of hospital uncompensated care, the Commission shall also send copies of the regulations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.”.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 18 through 24, inclusive; in line 25, strike “6.” and substitute “3.”; strike beginning with “except” in line 25 down through “Act,” in line 26; and in line 26, strike “October” and substitute “June”.