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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2	Board of	Physician	Quality	Assurance -	Fees
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- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Comptroller to distribute fees received from the
- 4 State Board of Physician Quality Assurance to the Board of Physician Quality
- 5 Assurance Fund; altering the amount of the fee assessed to certain individuals by
- 6 the Board of Physician Quality Assurance for the physician rehabilitation program
- 7 and peer review activities; requiring the Legislative Auditor to biannually conduct
- 8 certain audits of the accounts of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty for the
- 9 physician rehabilitation program and peer review activities; and generally relating to
- 10 the deposit of moneys into the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund and the
- 11 collection of fees for the physician rehabilitation program and peer review activities.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Health Occupations
- 14 Section 14-207(c) and 14-402(e)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Health Occupations**

20 14-207.

- 21 (c) (1) Except for fees assessed in accordance with the provisions of § 14-402(e)
- 22 of this title, the Board shall pay all fees collected under the provisions of this title to the
- 23 Comptroller of the State.
- 24 (2) The Comptroller shall distribute [:
- 25 (i) 6 percent of the fees received from the Board to the General Fund
- 26 of the State;
- 27 (ii) 14 percent of the fees received from the Board to the State
- 28 Scholarship Administration to be used as follows:
- 29 1. One-half to make grants under the Health Manpower
- 30 Shortage Incentive Grant Program under § 18-804.1 of the Education Article; and

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24 October 1, 1997.

3 4 5	2. One-half to make grants under the Loan Assistance Repayment Program under § 18-1602(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
7 8	(iii) The balance of] the fees to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund.
9	14-402.
12 13 14	(e) (1) (i) The Board shall assess each applicant APPROVED for a license to practice medicine or for renewal of a license to practice medicine a fee of not more than [\$50] 15% OF THE FEE ASSESSED BY THE BOARD TO THE APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE OR RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE to be set after the submission of a budget for the physician rehabilitation program and peer review activities by the Faculty to the Board.
16 17	(ii) The fee is to be used to fund the physician rehabilitation program and peer review activities of the Faculty, as approved by the Secretary.
18 19	(iii) The Board shall set a fee under this subsection in accordance with the budget submitted by the Faculty.
	(2) The Legislative Auditor shall [annually] BIANNUALLY audit the accounts and transactions of the Faculty for the physician rehabilitation program and peer review activities as provided in § 2-1215 of the State Government Article.
23	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect