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By: **Delegates Guns, Oaks, Cane, Eckardt, Schisler, W. Baker, and Walkup**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Off-Site Outpatient Hospital Facility - Rate Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a hospital that has transferred certain outpatient  
4 services to an off-site facility prior to a certain date due to zoning restrictions at  
5 the hospital campus to elect to have these services subject to certain provisions  
6 of law under certain circumstances; providing for the effective date of this Act;  
7 and generally relating to off-site outpatient hospital facilities.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding any provision of § 19-201 of the Health -  
10 General Article, a hospital that has transferred outpatient oncology, diagnostic,  
11 rehabilitative, and digestive disease services to an off-site facility prior to January 1,  
12 1999 may elect to have these outpatient services subject to Title 19, Subtitle 2 of the  
13 Health - General Article if:

14 (a) the transfer was due to zoning restrictions at the hospital campus;

15 (b) the off-site facility is surveyed as part of the hospital for purposes of  
16 accreditation by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare  
17 Organizations; and

18 (c) the hospital notifies the Health Services Cost Review Commission in  
19 writing by July 1, 1999 that the hospital would like the services provided at the  
20 off-site facility subject to Title 19, Subtitle 2 of the Health - General Article.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 1999.