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ENROLLED BILL

-- Environmental Matters/Finance --

Introduced by **Delegate Guns**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of ______ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Maryland Health Care Commission <u>and Health Services Cost Review</u> Commission - Use of Assessed Fees - Direct Costs

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that the fees assessed by the Maryland Health Care

5 Commission on hospitals, nursing homes, payors, and health care practitioners,

6 and the user fees assessed by the Health Services Cost Review Commission on

7 <u>hospitals</u>, shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct costs

8 of fulfilling the Commission's statutory and regulatory duties of the Maryland

9 Health Care Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and

10 generally relating to the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Health

11 Services Cost Review Commission.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article - Health - General

14 Section 19-111(c) <u>and 19-213(c)</u>

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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- 1 (As enacted by Chapter 702 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999)
- 2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 3 <u>Article Health General</u>
- 4 <u>Section 19-213(c)</u>
- 5 <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u>
- 6 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF8 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Health - General

10 19-111.

11 (c) (1) The total fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed \$8,250,000 12 in any fiscal year.

13 (2) The fees assessed by the Commission shall be used exclusively to 14 cover the actual documented direct [and indirect] costs of fulfilling the statutory and 15 regulatory duties of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

16 (3) The Commission shall pay all funds collected from the fees assessed 17 in accordance with this section into the Fund.

18 (4) The fees assessed may be expended only for purposes authorized by 19 the provisions of this subtitle.

20 <u>19-213.</u>

21(c)(1)The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed22\$3,500,000 in any fiscal year.

23(2)The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed the24Special Fund appropriation for the Commission by more than 20%.

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 (3)
 The user fees assessed by the Commission shall be used exclusively

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 to cover the actual documented direct [and indirect] costs of fulfilling the statutory

27 and regulatory duties of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this
 28 subtitle.

29(4)The Commission shall pay all funds collected from fees assessed in30accordance with this section into the Health Services Cost Review Commission Fund.

31(5)The user fees assessed by the Commission may be expended only for32purposes authorized by the provisions of this subtitle.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect34 October 1, 2000.

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