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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Commission and Health Services Cost Review**  
3 **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 hospitals, 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) and 19-213(c)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)  
17 (As enacted by Chapter 702 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999)

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

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-111.

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

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

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

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

8 19-213.

9       (c)       (1)       The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed  
10 \$3,500,000 in any fiscal year.

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

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

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

19           (5)       The user fees assessed by the Commission may be expended only for  
20 purposes authorized by the provisions of this subtitle.

21       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2000.