

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1032

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “year;” insert “altering the percentage of user fees assessed; clarifying that the maximum user fee assessment applies only to user fees assessed in any fiscal year; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt certain regulations;”; in line 13, after “19-111(c)” insert “and (d)”; and after line 15, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-111(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

“(5) THE AMOUNT IN SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION LIMITS ONLY THE TOTAL USER FEES THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS IN A FISCAL YEAR.

(d) Of the total fees assessed by the Commission under this section in any fiscal year, the Commission:

(1) In lieu of the application fees provided for in § 19-123 of this subtitle, shall assess:

(i) Hospitals and special hospitals for an amount not exceeding [36%] 28.5% of the total amount assessed; and

(Over)

(ii) Nursing homes for an amount not exceeding [5%] 13% of the total amount assessed;

(2) Shall assess payors for an amount not exceeding [40%] 37.5% of the total amount assessed; and

(3) Shall assess health care practitioners for an amount not exceeding [19%] 21% of the total amount assessed.

(K) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP REGULATIONS TO PERMIT A WAIVER OF THE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IN DEVELOPING REGULATIONS TO PERMIT A WAIVER OF THE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE HOURLY WAGE OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER AND SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO EXEMPTING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS WITH AN AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THAT OF OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 11, strike “October” and substitute “July”.