

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 733

(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, after “Fees” insert “and Rates”; and in line 7, after “year,” insert “requiring the Commission to provide certain percentage increases in certain rates for certain hospitals effective on a certain date”.

On page 3, after line 22, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall provide:

(a) a 4.5 percent increase, effective as of January 1, 2001, in the rates for all hospitals regulated by the Commission that are within an academic medical center, in recognition of the increased costs that have resulted from the shortage of nursing personnel, the need for technology-related investments, and general health care cost inflation; and

(b) a 3.5 percent increase, effective as of January 1, 2001, in the rates for all other hospitals, in recognition of the increased costs that have resulted from the shortage of nursing personnel and general health care cost inflation.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 1 of”; and after line 24, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.”.