BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 733, AS AMENDED (Third Reading File Bill)

Strike the Finance Committee Amendment (HB0733/267275/1) in its entirety.

On page 1 of the bill, in line 7, after "<u>year</u>;" insert "<u>providing that the Commission may not</u> increase the total amount of certain fees assessed until the later of a certain date or the submission of a certain report;".

On page 3 of the bill, after line 22, insert:

"<u>SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED</u>, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, the Health Services Cost Review Commission may not increase the amount of total user fees assessed in any fiscal year beyond \$3,500,000 until the later of:

(1) July 1, 2001; or

(2) the Commission's completion of an assessment of the financial condition and future viability of Maryland's hospitals and submission of a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its findings and plan of corrective action to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.";

in line 23, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 24, strike "October" and substitute "June".