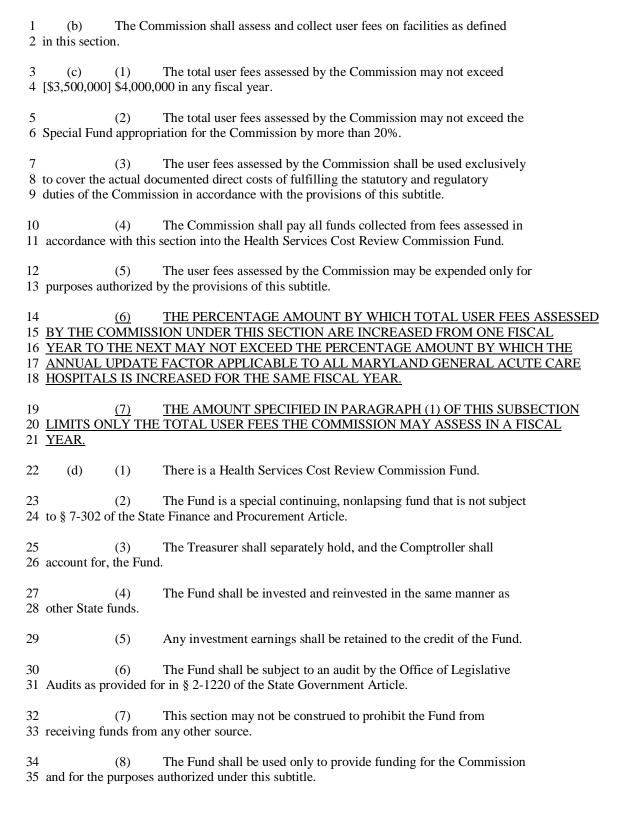
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CHAPTER
1 AN ACT concerning
2 Health Services Cost Review Commission - User Fees
FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of user fees the Health Services Cost Review Commission may assess; specifying the percentage amount that user fees assessed may be increased from one fiscal year to the next; clarifying that the maximum user fee assessment applies only to user fees assessed in any fiscal year; and generally relating to the Health Services Cost Review Commission. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Health - General Section 19-213 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume)
14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
16 Article - Health - General
17 19-213.
18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
19 (2) "Facilities" means hospitals and related institutions whose rates 20 have been approved by the Commission.



24 effect October 1, 2001.

1 (e) The Commission shall: 2 (1) Assess user fees for each facility equal to the sum of: 3 (i) The amount equal to one half of the total user fees times the 4 ratio of admissions of the facility to total admissions of all facilities; and 5 The amount equal to one half of the total user fees times the (ii) 6 ratio of gross operating revenue of each facility to total gross operating revenues of all 7 facilities: 8 (2) Establish minimum and maximum assessments; and 9 (3) Assess each facility on or before June 30 of each year. 10 (f) On or before September 1 of each year, each facility assessed under this 11 section shall make payment to the Commission. The Commission shall make 12 provision for partial payments. 13 Any bill not paid within 30 days of an agreed payment date may be subject 14 to an interest penalty to be determined by the Commission. 15 (h) This section shall terminate and be of no effect on the first day of July (1) 16 following the cessation of a waiver by law or agreement for Medicare and Medicaid between the State of Maryland and the federal government. 18 If notice of intent to terminate is made by the federal government to 19 this State prior to the first day of an intervening session of the Maryland General 20 Assembly, this section shall expire June 30 of the following calendar year. However, 21 under no circumstances shall less than seven calendar months occur between notice 22 of termination and expiration of this section. 23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take