

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1129 (Delegate Wood, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

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**State Health Services Cost Review Commission - Number and Appointment of Members**

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This bill increases the membership of the State Health Services Cost Review Commission membership from 7 to 11 members, specifies geographic areas that must be represented on the commission, and sets expiration dates for the new members' terms. The bill also states that any member serving on the commission on June 30, 2003 may finish the remainder of his or her term.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Task force members do not receive a salary but are reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Expense reimbursements for the four new members could total \$9,700 in FY 2004, which could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In addition to other duties, the commission must prepare a summary, compilation, or other supplementary report from the information filed with the commission by any hospital or any related institution. The commission also must

periodically participate in or do analyses and studies that relate to health care costs, the financial status of any facility, or any other appropriate matter. By October 1 of each year, the commission must submit an annual report to the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the General Assembly. The commission also may publish and give out any information that relates to the financial aspects of health care and is considered desirable in the public interest.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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