
By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Services Cost Review Commission - Report on Hospital Charges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, in
4 consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission, to publish certain
5 information on hospital charges; and generally relating to hospital charges.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Health - General
8 Section 19-207(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 19-207.

15 (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the
16 Commission shall:

17 (1) Adopt rules and regulations that relate to its meetings, minutes, and
18 transactions;

19 (2) Keep minutes of each meeting;

20 (3) Prepare annually a budget proposal that includes the estimated
21 income of the Commission and proposed expenses for its administration and
22 operation;

23 (4) Within a reasonable time after the end of each facility's fiscal year or
24 more often as the Commission determines, prepare from the information filed with
25 the Commission any summary, compilation, or other supplementary report that will
26 advance the purposes of this subtitle;

1 (5) Periodically participate in or do analyses and studies that relate to:

2 (i) Health care costs;

3 (ii) The financial status of any facility; or

4 (iii) Any other appropriate matter;

5 (6) On or before October 1 of each year, submit to the Governor, to the
6 Secretary, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
7 Assembly an annual report on the operations and activities of the Commission during
8 the preceding fiscal year, including:

9 (i) A copy of each summary, compilation, and supplementary report
10 required by this subtitle; and

11 (ii) Any other fact, suggestion, or policy recommendation that the
12 Commission considers necessary; [and]

13 (7) Oversee and administer the Maryland Trauma Physician Services
14 Fund in conjunction with the Maryland Health Care Commission; AND

15 (8) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
16 COMMISSION, ANNUALLY PUBLISH EACH ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL'S
17 SEVERITY-ADJUSTED AVERAGE CHARGE PER CASE FOR THE 15 MOST COMMON
18 INPATIENT DIAGNOSIS-RELATED GROUPS.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2006.