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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Services Cost Review Commission – User Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of user fees the Health Services  
4 Cost Review Commission may assess; and generally relating to the Maryland  
5 Health Services Cost Review Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Health – General  
8 Section 19–213(a) and (b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 19–213(c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 19–213.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2) “Facilities” means hospitals and related institutions whose rates  
2 have been approved by the Commission.

3           (b) The Commission shall assess and collect user fees on facilities as defined  
4 in this section.

5           (c) (1) The total fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed  
6 ~~[\$4,000,000]~~ **\$5,000,000**.

7           (2) The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed the  
8 Special Fund appropriation for the Commission by more than 20%.

9           (3) The user fees assessed by the Commission shall be used exclusively  
10 to cover the actual documented direct costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory  
11 duties of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

12           (4) The Commission shall pay all funds collected from fees assessed in  
13 accordance with this section into the Health Services Cost Review Commission Fund.

14           (5) The user fees assessed by the Commission may be expended only  
15 for purposes authorized by the provisions of this subtitle.

16           (6) The percentage amount by which total user fees assessed by the  
17 Commission under this section are increased from one fiscal year to the next may not  
18 exceed the percentage amount by which the annual update factor applicable to all  
19 Maryland general acute care hospitals is increased for the same fiscal year.

20           (7) The amount specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection limits  
21 only the total user fees the Commission may assess in a fiscal year.

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2007.