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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Hospital Authority**

3 **PG 430-07**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Hospital Authority;
5 providing for the mission of the Authority; providing that the Authority is an
6 instrumentality of the State and a public corporation; providing that the
7 exercise by the Authority of certain powers is the performance of an essential
8 public function; authorizing the Authority to take certain actions to fulfill its
9 mission; providing for the powers and duties of the Authority; providing that the
10 Authority be governed by a Board of Directors; providing for the membership of
11 the Board; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; providing
12 that a certain agreement may be made contingent on the receipt of certain
13 commitments; requiring the Authority to develop a certain plan; requiring the
14 Authority to submit certain information to the State Treasurer, the Secretary of
15 Health and Mental Hygiene, and certain legislative committees within a certain
16 time period; authorizing the Authority to issue revenue bonds for a certain
17 purpose; establishing the rights and duties associated with revenue bonding
18 authority; requiring Prince George's County, beginning on a certain date, to levy
19 a certain tax in a certain amount on behalf of the Authority; establishing
20 certain requirements for the tax; exempting the tax from certain provisions of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 law and of the Prince George's County Charter; requiring the Authority to be
 2 subject to the State Open Meetings Law; authorizing the transfer of certain
 3 funds in certain fiscal years from the Health Care Coverage Fund to the
 4 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to be used for a certain purpose;
 5 defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
 6 and the Department of Business and Economic Development to provide certain
 7 staffing and receive certain reimbursement; making certain provisions of this
 8 Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; making this Act an
 9 emergency measure; and generally relating to the establishment of the Prince
 10 George's County Hospital Authority.

11 BY adding to
 12 Article – Health – General
 13 Section 24–1501 through ~~24–1509~~ 24–1510 to be under the new subtitle
 14 “Subtitle 15. Prince George's County Hospital Authority”
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
 16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **SUBTITLE 15. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.**

21 **24–1501.**

22 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 23 INDICATED.

24 (B) “AUTHORITY” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL
 25 AUTHORITY.

26 (C) “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY.

27 (D) “DIMENSIONS” MEANS DIMENSIONS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC.,
 28 OR ANY SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF DIMENSIONS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC.

29 **24–1502.**

30 (A) THERE IS A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC KNOWN AS THE PRINCE
 31 GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

1 **(B) THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY IS TO:**

2 **(1) DEVELOP A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR DELIVERING**
3 **HOSPITAL SERVICES AND RELATED HEALTH CARE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S**
4 **COUNTY; AND**

5 **(2) PUT IN PLACE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATING**
6 **STRUCTURES THAT ARE:**

7 **(I) SELF-SUSTAINING; AND**

8 **(II) CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY,**
9 **CAPABLE OF:**

10 **1. PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO ALL**
11 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND**

12 **2. MEETING THE SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM**
13 **HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RESIDENTS.**

14 **(C) THE AUTHORITY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE AND A**
15 **PUBLIC CORPORATION BY THAT NAME, STYLE, AND TITLE.**

16 **(D) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY**
17 **THIS SUBTITLE IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION.**

18 **(E) TO FULFILL ITS MISSION, THE AUTHORITY MAY:**

19 **(1) ACQUIRE ANY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD**
20 **RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS;**

21 **(2) TRANSFER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD**
22 **RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS TO ANOTHER HEALTH CARE**
23 **ENTITY; AND**

24 **(3) ENGAGE IN NEW HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH**
25 **THE MISSION.**

26 **24-1503.**

1 (A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF
2 DIRECTORS.

3 (2) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED
4 BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

5 (3) OF THE FIVE MEMBERS, AT LEAST THREE SHALL LIVE IN
6 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

7 (4) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER TO SERVE AS
8 THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.

9 (B) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

10 (2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY
11 THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 2007.

12 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE
13 UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

14 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN
15 SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS
16 APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

17 (5) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR NEGLIGENCE OF
18 DUTY, INCOMPETENCE, OR MISCONDUCT.

19 (C) A MEMBER MAY NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN:

20 (1) DIMENSIONS;

21 (2) ANY ENTITY AFFILIATED WITH DIMENSIONS; OR

22 (3) ANY ENTITY WITH WHICH THE AUTHORITY DOES BUSINESS OR
23 HAS A FINANCIAL OR LEGAL RELATIONSHIP.

24 24-1504.

1 **(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH**
2 **DIMENSIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF:**

3 **(1) ACQUIRING TITLE AND RIGHTS TO ANY PROPERTY,**
4 **LEASEHOLD RIGHTS, AND OPERATING RIGHTS HELD BY DIMENSIONS; AND**

5 **(2) ASSUMING CERTAIN LIABILITIES HELD BY DIMENSIONS,**
6 **INCLUDING BOND INDEBTEDNESS AND PENSION LIABILITY.**

7 **(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY MAKE AN ACQUISITION OR ASSUMPTION OF**
8 **LIABILITIES AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION CONTINGENT**
9 **ON:**

10 **(1) RECEIVING COMMITMENTS FOR SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID AND**
11 **ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING LONG-TERM CAPITAL FINANCING OR OPERATING**
12 **ASSISTANCE, FROM THE STATE OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR ELSEWHERE; OR**

13 **(2) THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AGREEMENTS TO**
14 **TRANSFER TITLE AND CONTROL OVER FACILITIES OR OPERATIONS, IN WHOLE**
15 **OR IN PART, TO ANOTHER ENTITY.**

16 **(C) (1) THE AUTHORITY MAY OPERATE OR MANAGE ANY FACILITIES**
17 **AND INTERESTS ACQUIRED UNTIL THE FACILITIES AND INTERESTS ARE**
18 **TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ENTITY.**

19 **(2) WHILE THE AUTHORITY IS OPERATING OR MANAGING**
20 **FACILITIES AND INTERESTS ACQUIRED, THE AUTHORITY MAY:**

21 **(I) HIRE STAFF AND ENTER INTO BUSINESS**
22 **ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO THE EFFICIENT AND PROPER MANAGEMENT**
23 **AND OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES; AND**

24 **(II) ENTER INTO SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM**
25 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OR SATISFACTION OF ANY**
26 **INDEBTEDNESS OR THE FUNDING OF ANY LONG-TERM LIABILITIES CURRENTLY**
27 **OWED BY DIMENSIONS OR ITS AFFILIATES RELATED TO HEALTH CARE**
28 **FACILITIES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

29 **(D) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRINCE**
30 **GEORGE'S COUNTY TO ACQUIRE LEGAL TITLE TO ANY FACILITIES UNDER THE**

1 CONTROL OR OCCUPIED BY DIMENSIONS OR USEFUL TO THE EFFICIENT
2 OPERATION OF ANY FACILITIES THE AUTHORITY MAY HAVE ACQUIRED.

3 **24-1505.**

4 (A) CONSISTENT WITH ITS MISSION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ACTIVELY
5 APPROACH AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING
6 FOR-PROFIT AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES
7 INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE STATE, FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF ANY AND ALL
8 FACILITIES, RIGHTS, OR OPERATIONS THE AUTHORITY MAY HAVE ACQUIRED.

9 (B) THE AUTHORITY MAY ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER
10 ENTITIES, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, ON A
11 CONTINGENT BASIS AND BEFORE THE AUTHORITY ACQUIRES OWNERSHIP OR
12 CONTROL OVER ANY FACILITIES.

13 (C) ANY AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF FACILITIES,
14 RIGHTS, OR OPERATIONS MAY BE MADE CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF
15 SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FROM THE STATE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, OR A
16 RELATED REGULATORY AGENCY.

17 (D) AS PART OF ANY TRANSFER OF INTEREST OR TITLE, THE
18 AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE SATISFACTION OF ANY
19 INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY HELD BY DIMENSIONS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007.

20 (E) THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT INFORMATION ON THE TERMS OF
21 ANY SALE OR TRANSFER TO THE SECRETARY, THE STATE TREASURER, THE
22 SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE
23 COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE
24 HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AT LEAST 60 DAYS
25 BEFORE THE AUTHORITY COMPLETES THE TRANSFER OF ANY PROPERTY
26 OWNERSHIP OR LEASEHOLD INTEREST.

27 **24-1506.**

28 IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE,
29 THE AUTHORITY MAY:

30 (1) ADOPT AND ALTER AN OFFICIAL SEAL;

1 (2) **SUE AND BE SUED, PLEAD AND BE IMPEADED;**

2 (3) **ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**
3 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

4 (4) **MAINTAIN AN OFFICE AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE**
5 **AUTHORITY;**

6 (5) **EMPLOY OR RETAIN ANY PERSONNEL THAT THE AUTHORITY**
7 **DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION;**

8 (6) **ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO MANAGE ITS**
9 **OWN AFFAIRS;**

10 (7) **ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND RIGHTS, INCLUDING, SUBJECT TO**
11 **APPLICABLE LAW AND REGULATION, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, LEASE, OR**
12 **OPERATE ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND**
13 **APPROPRIATE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY;**

14 (8) **APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM STATE, LOCAL, AND**
15 **NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; AND**

16 (9) **ENTER INTO SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL**
17 **ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF DEBT AS PROVIDED IN § 24-1507 OF**
18 **THIS SUBTITLE, AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY.**

19 **24-1507.**

20 (A) **THE AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, IN ACCORDANCE**
21 **WITH TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT**
22 **ARTICLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY**
23 **UNDER § 24-1502 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

24 (B) **REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE**
25 **AUTHORITY AND MAY BE ISSUED AS FIXED OR VARIABLE RATE BONDS.**

26 (C) **THE RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE REVENUE**
27 **BONDS:**

1 (1) SHALL DESCRIBE THE PROJECTS WHICH ARE TO BE
2 FINANCED OR REFINANCED BY THE BOND;

3 (2) SHALL STATE THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE
4 BOND;

5 (3) SHALL DESCRIBE THE SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF THE BONDS;

6 (4) MAY PROVIDE THAT THE BONDS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EARLY
7 REDEMPTION AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY; AND

8 (5) SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS SHALL
9 BE INVESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-222 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
10 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

11 (D) THE REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE SOLD IN THE MANNER AND ON THE
12 TERMS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY AND, NOTWITHSTANDING § 8-206(B)
13 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, MAY BE SOLD AT A
14 PRIVATE OR NEGOTIATED SALE.

15 (E) REVENUE BONDS MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
16 SUBTITLE:

17 (1) WITHOUT OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF ANY DEPARTMENT,
18 DIVISION, COMMISSION, BOARD, BUREAU, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE; OR

19 (2) WITHOUT ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS OR THE OCCURRENCE
20 OF ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN THOSE PROCEEDINGS OR CONDITIONS
21 THAT ARE REQUIRED SPECIFICALLY BY PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

22 (F) (1) ANY REVENUE BOND ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL
23 STATE ON ITS FACE THAT THE BOND DOES NOT CREATE OR CONSTITUTE ANY
24 INDEBTEDNESS OR OBLIGATION OF THE STATE OR OF ANY POLITICAL
25 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

26 (2) THE REVENUE BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE DO NOT
27 CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR OBLIGATION CONTRACTED BY THE STATE OR PLEDGE
28 THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE STATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE III, §
29 34 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

1 **(3) NEITHER THE REVENUE BONDS NOR THE INTEREST ON THE**
2 **BONDS SHALL EVER CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OR A CHARGE AGAINST**
3 **THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWERS OF ANY PUBLIC BODY WITHIN THE**
4 **MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR CHARTER PROVISION OR STATUTORY**
5 **LIMITATION AND NEITHER SHALL EVER CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO ANY**
6 **PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF ANY ISSUING PUBLIC BODY.**

7 **(4) EACH REVENUE BOND, ON ITS FACE, MAY PLAINLY STATE**
8 **THAT IT HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND**
9 **THAT IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS TO WHICH THE FAITH AND**
10 **CREDIT OF ANY PUBLIC BODY IS PLEDGED.**

11 **(G) THE REVENUE BONDS OF ANY ISSUE SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM AND**
12 **SECURED SOLELY BY:**

13 **(1) ALL OR ANY PART OF THE FEES OR REVENUES GENERATED BY**
14 **AN ACTIVITY OF THE AUTHORITY TO THE EXTENT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR**
15 **SUCH PURPOSE;**

16 **(2) LOCAL TAXES LEVIED ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY;**

17 **(3) THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS**
18 **THEREON;**

19 **(4) ANY GRANT OR GIFT RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE**
20 **EXTENT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE;**

21 **(5) RESERVES OR OTHER FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BONDS**
22 **UNDER THE RESOLUTION OR TRUST AGREEMENT;**

23 **(6) ANY MONEYS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY BE APPLIED TO THE**
24 **PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY**
25 **APPROPRIATION BY THE STATE OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MADE**
26 **LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE; OR**

27 **(7) ANY SOURCE OF FUNDS TO WHICH THE AUTHORITY HAS**
28 **ACCESS TO THE EXTENT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

29 **(H) ALL REVENUE BONDS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS**
30 **SUBTITLE SHALL HAVE ALL THE QUALITIES AND INCIDENTS OF NEGOTIABLE**

1 INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE RELATING TO NEGOTIABLE
2 INSTRUMENTS.

3 **24-1508.**

4 (A) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2008, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
5 SHALL LEVY, ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY, A SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY TAX
6 ON REAL PROPERTY EACH YEAR IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO:

7 (1) RETIRE ANY LONG-TERM BOND INDEBTEDNESS HELD BY
8 DIMENSIONS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007;

9 (2) SATISFY ANY LONG-TERM PENSION LIABILITY OBLIGATED BY
10 DIMENSIONS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007; AND

11 (3) SATISFY ANY DEBT ACQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE OF
12 PROPERTY, FACILITIES, OR OTHER INTERESTS FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S
13 COUNTY.

14 (B) THE TAX LEVIED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE
15 AUTHORITY SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY EVERY 60 DAYS.

16 (C) THE TAX AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION:

17 (1) IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION IMPOSED
18 ON PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BY CHARTER OR LAW; AND

19 (2) IS NOT SUBJECT TO POPULAR VOTE OR REFERENDUM UNDER
20 THE TERMS OF ANY PROVISION OF THE CHARTER FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S
21 COUNTY.

22 **24-1509.**

23 THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE STATE OPEN MEETINGS
24 LAW.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
26 read as follows:

27 **Article - Health - General**

1 **24-1510.**

2 **IN FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2012, UP TO \$10,000,000 ANNUALLY**
3 **MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FUND**
4 **ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL**
5 **ARTICLE, AS ENACTED BY CHAPTER (H.B. 754) (7LR0459) OF THE ACTS OF**
6 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2007, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**
7 **MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A SPECIAL FUND**
8 **OPERATING GRANT APPROPRIATION TO THE AUTHORITY.**

9 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
10 members of the Board of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority shall expire
11 as follows:

- 12 (1) two members in 2009;
- 13 (2) two members in 2010; and
- 14 (3) one member in 2011.

15 SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
16 Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Business and Economic
17 Development shall provide initial staffing for the Prince George's County Hospital
18 Authority, until the Authority hires or retains staff of its own. The Authority shall
19 reimburse the Departments for the cost of the initial staffing.

20 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2008,
21 funds may be appropriated and transferred by budget amendment from the Health
22 Care Coverage Fund for the purpose of providing an operating grant to the Prince
23 George's County Hospital Authority, as enacted under Section 2 of this Act.

24 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2 and 5 of this
25 Act shall be contingent on the taking effect of Chapter (H.B. 754) (7lr0459) of the
26 Acts of the General Assembly of 2007, and if Chapter does not become effective,
27 Sections 2 and 5 shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the
28 General Assembly.

29 SECTION ~~4~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
30 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
31 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
32 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
33 effect from the date it is enacted.