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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Services Cost Review Commission – User Fee Assessment – Repeal of**
3 **Sunset**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for a certain provision of law related to
5 the maximum amount of total user fees that may be assessed on hospitals and
6 related institutions by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and generally
7 relating to fees assessed by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 19–213(a), (b), and (c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Chapter 696 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
15 Section 3

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Chapter 697 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
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19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Health – General**

22 19–213.

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

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 have
2 been approved by the Commission.

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

5 (c) (1) The total fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed the greater
6 of:

7 (i) 0.1% of the immediately preceding fiscal year’s budgeted,
8 regulated, gross hospital revenue; or

9 (ii) The largest amount determined under this paragraph for a fiscal
10 year during the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years.

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

13 (3) The user fees assessed by the Commission shall be used exclusively to
14 cover the actual documented direct costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of
15 the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle and any administrative
16 costs for services to the Commission provided by the Department.

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

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

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

23 **Chapter 696 of the Acts of 2022**

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take
25 effect July 1, 2022. [Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and,
26 at the end of June 30, 2025, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the
27 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2025.