

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

Chapter 503 of the Acts of 1996

[SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall work with the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission on development of a bundled payment for medical screening that meets the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act. Should a flat fee not take effect on or before March 31, 1997, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, within 5 days after a bundled payment takes effect, shall forward notice that the bundled payment has taken effect to the Department of Legislative Reference. If a bundled payment has not taken effect on or before March 31, 1997, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before April 5, 1997, shall forward a notice that the bundled payment has not taken effect by that date to the Department of Legislative Reference.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall conduct a follow-up to the study conducted in 1996 examining the effect of the provisions of § 19-712.5(c) of the Health - General Article on the billing patterns of hospitals and emergency physicians. The Commission shall report the results of the study on or before January 31, 1999 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

SECTION 2-4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. At the end of July 1, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 108

(House Bill 1236)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Company Mutual to Stock Conversion Act
Mutual Insurers - Conversion to Stock Insurers

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which certain mutual insurers may convert to stock insurers in the State; ~~establishing certain requirements for a plan of conversion to be filed with the Insurance Commissioner; authorizing the plan to make certain provisions for members, directors, and officers of the mutual company; requiring the filing of certain documents with the Commissioner; establishing certain requirements concerning adoption of the plan by certain persons; requiring~~