

CHAPTER 101

(Senate Bill 263)

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment – Continuation

FOR the purpose of continuing the Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment of the General Assembly of Maryland; defining the Committee's responsibilities; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 109 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1985, as amended by Chapter 803 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986

Section 4

BY repealing

Chapter 111 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1985, as amended by Chapter 803 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986

Section 3

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

Chapter 109 of the Acts of 1985, as amended by Chapter 803 of the Acts of 1986

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint 5 Senators and 5 Delegates, respectively, to serve as the Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment. The Joint Committee shall be staffed by the Department of Legislative Reference and the Department of Fiscal Services. [The Joint Committee shall review, prior to publication in the Maryland Register, any regulations relating to hospital closures, mergers, and consolidations proposed pursuant to this Act and any regulations relating to minimum standards for hospital patient utilization review programs proposed pursuant to Chapter 111 (HB 1071/SB 490) of the Laws of 1985.] The Joint Committee established by this Section may [also] consider and review any issues relating to the Health Resources Planning Commission, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the certificate of need process, the State Health Plan, institution specific studies, and any other issues relating to health care cost containment [raised or addressed in Chapter 102 (HB 1068/SB 494), Chapter 107 (HB 1069/SB 492), Chapter 111 (HB 1071/SB 490), Chapter 112 (HB 1072/SB 493), and Chapter 108 (HB 1073/SB 495) of the Laws of 1985. The Joint Committee established by this Section shall evaluate the impact of Chapter 107, Chapter 108, Chapter 109, Chapter 111, and Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1985 on hospital capacity, access to health care, and quality of care in this State and shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 10, 1990. This Section shall terminate and be of no effect on June 1, 1990].