

the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 556A thereof, and to read as follows:

556B.

All hospitals as defined within this Article, with the exception of those operated by the State of Maryland or any of its political subdivisions, shall furnish and present to each patient UPON DEMAND within thirty (30) days after discharge, an itemized account, or itemized bill briefly but clearly describing each item and the amount charged therefor. The hospital shall not be entitled to demand or receive FINAL payment of, or recover for, money due until an itemized account or itemized bill required hereby is presented.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved April 22, 1970

CHAPTER 344

(House Bill 496)

AN ACT to add new Section 9-407 to Article 95B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Uniform Commercial Code," subtitle "Secured Transaction; Sales of Accounts, Contract Rights and Chattel Paper," subheading "Filing," to follow immediately after Section 9-406 thereof, to make it unlawful for a creditor to charge a fee for the recordation OR FILING of any document required to be executed by the debtor unless the document is actually recorded-OR FILED, WITHIN 30 DAYS, OR IF NOT RECORDED OR FILED TO RETURN THE FEE TO THE DEBTOR.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 9-407 be and it is hereby added to Article 95B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Uniform Commercial Code," subtitle "Secured Transactions; Sales of Accounts, Contract Rights and Chattel Paper," subheading "Filing," to follow immediately after Section 9-406 thereof and to read as follows:*

9-407.

Any creditor who charges a fee for the recording or filing of any document required to be executed by a debtor, and then fails to record or file document WITHIN 30 DAYS OR FAILS TO RETURN THE FEE TO THE DEBTOR, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each violation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act applies to or affects any happening which occurred prior to July 1, 1970.*