

parts of this subtitle, and shall not affect any other payments or payments to any other types of institutions pursuant to this subtitle, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have enacted the remaining parts of this subtitle or would have authorized the remaining payments or payments to the remaining types of institutions, if such unconstitutionality or invalidity had been known; and to this end, all parts, sections, and parts of sections of this subtitle, and all administrative actions pursuant to this subtitle, are declared to be severable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 627
(Senate Bill 359)

AN ACT to add new Sections 568H through 568X to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), to follow immediately after Section 568G thereof, title "Health," to be under the new subtitle "Health Services Cost Review Commission," providing for the establishment within the Health Department of a Commission to be known as the Health Services Cost Review Commission, to be appointed by the Governor, which Commission shall be charged with the duty to assure to all purchasers of health care institutional services that the cost of said institutions are reasonably related to the total services offered by the institutions, and to provide that the rates set by the institutions are in reasonable relationship to their aggregate cost, said rates being set without discrimination; providing for the powers, duties and functions of said Commission, and providing for appointments of staff and executive director, and relating generally to establishment of the Health Services Cost Review Commission in the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 568H through 568X be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," to be under the new subtitle "Health Services Cost Review Commission," and all to read as follows:*

Health Services Cost Review Commission

568H.

In creating the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the intent of the Maryland General Assembly shall be as follows:

a. The purpose of this act is to create a commission which will beginning July 1, 1971, cause the public disclosure of (1) the financial position of all hospitals and related institutions and (2) the verified total costs actually incurred by each such institution in rendering health services, computed by methods the Commission prescribes; and which after the expiration of three additional years will also