

review and certify as to the reasonableness of the rates established by these institutions. It will also be the Commission's responsibility to keep itself informed as to whether the financial resources of each institution are sufficient to meet its financial requirements and to concern itself with solutions when resources are inadequate.

b. After July 1, 1974, an additional responsibility of this Commission is to assure all purchasers of health care institutional services that the total costs of the institution are reasonably related to the total services offered by the institution; that the institution's aggregate rates are set in reasonable relationship to the institution's aggregate costs; and that rates are set equitably among all purchasers of services without undue discrimination.

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The Governor of the State of Maryland shall create the Health Services Cost Review Commission, an independent commission functioning within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the jurisdiction and powers of which shall extend to all hospitals, health care and related institutions as defined in Section 556 of this Article, whether they be operated as profit making or non-profit making institutions. **THIS LAW SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE ANY HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION OPERATED, OR LISTED AND CERTIFIED, BY THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.**

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The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The appointees shall be persons who are interested in problems of health care, of which four (4) shall be persons who have no connection with the management or policy of any hospitals or related institution. Of the initial appointees, two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years; two (2) members shall be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years; two (2) members shall be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years; and one (1) member shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years each. No member shall be eligible for appointment to more than two consecutive terms.

a. The Governor shall annually select a Chairman who shall select a Vice-Chairman. Meetings of the Commission shall be held as frequently as its duties require. All meetings of the Commission except executive sessions shall be open to the public. **THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD NO LESS THAN SIX (6) MEETINGS PER YEAR.** The Commission shall keep minutes of its meetings and adopt rules and regulations governing its meeting, minutes and transactions.

b. Four (4) members constitute a quorum, but a vacancy of the Commission does not impair its power to act. No action of the Commission shall be effective unless at least four (4) of its members concur therein.

c. Members of the Commission shall receive compensation as may be provided for in the budget, and they shall be reimbursed for all necessary and proper expenses that are incurred in the performance of their duties.