

referendum shall be given by public posters in the special tax area created. The cost of the referendum shall be paid out of the general funds of the County Commissioners, and it shall be conducted in accordance with the regular election procedures of the County except as modified herein. Suitable provisions shall be made in those polling places designated for owners of real property in the taxing area for a referendum vote on this Act. Printed on the ballots or on the voting machine labels there shall be the words "For the Cresaptown Fire-Ambulance Special Tax Area" and "Against the Cresaptown Fire-Ambulance Special Tax Area," with suitable provisions made for each voter to register his choice on this question. If a majority of the persons voting on the question cast their ballots marked "For the Cresaptown Fire-Ambulance Special Tax Area," this Act becomes of full force and effect as of the day of the official canvass of the votes; ON THE THIRTIETH DAY FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE REFERENDUM; but if a majority of the persons voting on this question cast their votes "Against the Cresaptown Fire-Ambulance Special Tax Area," this Act is null and void.

SEC. 2. Subject to the provisions of Section 116H this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2 AND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE REFERENDUM THEREIN REQUIRED, THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1972.

Approved May 5, 1972.

CHAPTER 223
(Senate Bill 621)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 354 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "20. Nonprofit Health Service Plans," to prohibit any nonprofit health insurance plan providing pharmaceutical services from denying to any subscriber, member or beneficiary freedom of choice of pharmacy.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 354 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "20. Nonprofit Health Service Plans," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

354.

(a) Any corporation without capital stock heretofore or hereafter organized, under the provisions of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a nonprofit health service plan whereby hospital, medical, chiropracial, pharmaceutical, dental or optometric care is provided by a hospital, or hospitals, a physician or physicians, a chiropracist or chiropracists, a pharmacist or pharmacists, a dentist