CHAPTER 320

(House Bill 1004)

AN ACT to add new Section 121A to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," to follow immediately after Section 121 thereof, to provide that the State Board of Medical Examiners license qualified physicians free of charge of the fee it has established for such a license if the physicians are rendering medical services without charge to those who could not otherwise afford them, and if they are not engaged in the private practice of medicine, and to provide that the Board shall charge the physician the fee from which he is exempted if either or both of these conditions change. SHALL LICENSE CERTAIN QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS WITHOUT FEE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 121A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," to follow immediately after Section 121 thereof, and to read as follows:

121A.

- (A) Any physician who is qualified to be licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine in this State shall be licensed free of charge of the fee established by the Board for such a license if the physician meets the following conditions:
- (1) He is rendering medical services without charge to those who cannot otherwise afford these services, and
- (1) HE IS RENDERING MEDICAL SERVICES TO PATIENTS, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVES NO PERSONAL REMUNERATION, AND
- (2) He is not in any way engaged in the private practice of medicine.
- (B) If either or both of the above conditions change, the physician shall notify the Board which shall then charge him the fee for the license from which he had previously been exempted pursuant to this section.
- (C) LICENSES ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AND MAY BE RENEWED FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF ONE YEAR.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

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CHAPTER 321

(House Bill 1005)

AN ACT to add new Section 126(e) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume, and 1971 Supple-