

Currently the Hospital Cost Analysis Service, Inc. exists as an independent organization to provide cost verification on health services available under Blue Cross, Medicare and Medicaid.

The Hospital Cost Analysis Service, Inc. is a potential source of material which is invaluable to the Health Services Cost Review Commission. The development of a comparable unit within the Commission would be extremely difficult and wasteful; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Hospital Cost Analysis Service, Inc., should be included either directly or contractually, within the Health Services Cost Review Commission, under its budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to Dr. Harold Cohen, Chairman of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, 2100 Guilford Avenue, Suite 308, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 and to A. Rutherford Holmes, Executive Director, Hospital Cost Analysis Services, Inc., 22 West Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Not signed by the Governor.

No. 55

(House Joint Resolution 69)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Home Mortgages

FOR the purpose of requesting that any legislative action affecting usury limits, take into account the impact of the change on the home mortgage market in Baltimore City.

WHEREAS, The removal of the eight percent ceiling on home loan mortgages in the State of Maryland is crucial to the continued development of Baltimore City. Currently home loans are difficult to obtain because of the ceiling on the interest rates. The availability of other types of monetary notes, bonds, and instruments that pay a higher interest rate than home loan mortgages effectively drive monies out of savings and loan associations and into more lucrative investments.

WHEREAS, Baltimore City must be assured that if the General Assembly lifts the usury limits, the savings and