

each year; and

WHEREAS, A considerable number of these patients cannot or do not pay for these services; and

WHEREAS, The cost of maintaining staff, supplies and equipment of emergency departments at full readiness to serve patients around the clock every day of the year has risen in close ratio to patients' demand for service; and

WHEREAS, Hospital emergency rooms and clinics generate and experience persistent losses each year; and

WHEREAS, The Health Services Cost Review Commission is required to complete data showing the "appropriate expenses incurred by rendering services to patients who cannot or do not pay" (Section 568V(1) Article 43) and must also permit any hospital to charge reasonable rates which will permit the institution to render effective and efficient service in the public interest on a solvent basis" (Section 563V (2), Article 43); and

WHEREAS, Failure of the Commission to address itself to these financial losses of hospitals generated by the operation of emergency departments and clinics the solvency that the law assures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body urges the Commission to take all steps necessary to solve this problem and to report on the solutions adopted to the General Assembly at its 1976 Session; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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No. 75

(House Joint Resolution 103)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Health Care

FOR the purpose of recognizing the importance of the nonphysician practitioner as a desirable member of the health care team.