Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

15.

- (1) The Commissioner shall be appointed FOR A SIX YEAR TERM by [the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, with the approval of] the Governor [, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary] BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A SIX YEAR TERM WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.
- (2) The Commissioner [shall], upon entering the performance of his duties, SHALL be covered by a surety bond in accordance with the provisions of §§ 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (3) The Commissioner shall receive compensation as provided in the STATE budget.
- (4) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVCTE FULL TIME TO HIS DUTIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 906

(Senate Bill 748)

AN ACT concerning

Medical Assistance Program - Rates

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reimburse certain participating hospitals for care to Medical Assistance recipients at rates approved by the Health Services Cost Review Commission under certain conditions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with arendments,

Article 43 - Health Section 42A(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)