SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 472

(Senate Bill 598)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Reimbursement of State

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain contracts entered into or renewed after a certain date provide for payment to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the cost of certain services paid for or rendered by the Department; and creating a certain restriction.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 470N Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

470N.

EVERY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED AFTER JULY 1, 1979 SHALL PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE COST OF SERVICES PAID FOR OR RENDERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE ON BEHALF OF ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER SUCH A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. BENEFITS PAYABLE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE ARE RESTRICTED TO THOSE BENEFITS PROVIDED AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON UNDER THE TERMS ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR THE SERVICES PAID FOR OR RENDERED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.