

ACT--PROMPTLY--ON--THE--WORK--PRODUCT--OF--THE--COMMITTEE--THE
COUNCIL---MAY---APPROVE,---DISAPPROVE,---OR---MODIFY---THE
RECOMMENDATIONS--IN--WHOLE--OR--IN--PART,--OF--THE--COMMITTEE.

19-111-

(A)--THE--ANNUAL--OPERATING--EXPENSES--OF--THE--COUNCIL--SHALL
BE--INCLUDED--IN--THE--BUDGET--OF--THE--DEPARTMENT--AND--PAID--AS
PROVIDED--IN--THE--STATE--BUDGET.

(B)--THE--COUNCIL--MAY--ACCEPT--A--GIFT,--GRANT,--REQUEST,--OR
CONTRIBUTION--FROM--ANY--SOURCE--TO--CARRY--OUT--THE--PROVISIONS--OF
THIS--SUBTITLE.

(C)--(1)--THE--COUNCIL--MAY--IMPOSE--USER--FEES--ON--HOSPITALS
OR--RELATED--INSTITUTIONS--AS--PROVIDED--FOR--IN--THIS--SUBSECTION.

(2)--EACH--HOSPITAL--OR--RELATED--INSTITUTION--MAY--BE
ASSESSED--AN--ANNUAL--USER--FEE--BASED--ON--A--FORMULA--ESTABLISHED
BY--THE--COUNCIL--OF--THE--TOTAL--EXPENSES--OF--THE--HOSPITAL--OR
RELATED--INSTITUTION.

(3)--HOWEVER,---THE--TOTAL--CONTRIBUTION--OF--ALL
HOSPITALS--AND--ALL--RELATED--INSTITUTIONS--MAY--NOT--EXCEED--THE
LESSER--OF:

(i)--50--PERCENT--OF--THE--ANNUAL--BUDGET--OF--THE
COUNCIL,--OR

(ii)--THE--SUM--OF--\$1,000,000.

(D)--THE--COUNCIL--MAY--ESTABLISH--REASONABLE--APPLICATION
FEES--FOR--A--CERTIFICATE--OF--NEED.

(E)--THE--COUNCIL--SHALL--PAY--ALL--FUNDS--COLLECTED--FROM--THE
USER--FEES--AND--CERTIFICATE--OF--NEED--FEES--UNDER--THIS--SUBTITLE
INTO--THE--GENERAL--FUND--OF--THIS--STATE.

(F)--THIS--SECTION--DOES--NOT--PREVENT--USE--OF--REASONABLE
APPROPRIATIONS--OF--THE--OPERATING--BUDGET--OF--THE--COUNCIL--TO
SUPPORT--THE--PLANNING--ACTIVITIES--AND--PROGRAMS--OF--LOCAL--HEALTH
PLANNING--AGENCIES.

19-112-

(A)--THE--COUNCIL--SHALL--ADOPT--RULES--AND--REGULATIONS--THAT
SET--STANDARDS--FOR--APPLYING--FOR--AND--ISSUING--CERTIFICATES--OF
NEED.

(B)--A--PERSON--SHALL--HAVE--A--CERTIFICATE--OF--NEED--ISSUED
BY--THE--COUNCIL--BEFORE--THE--PERSON--DEVELOPS,--OPERATES,--OR
PARTICIPATES--IN--ANY--OF--THE--FOLLOWING--HEALTH--CARE--PROJECTS
THAT--PROVIDE--HEALTH--CARE--SERVICES--FOR--WHICH--A--CERTIFICATE--OF
NEED--IS--REQUIRED--UNDER--THIS--SECTION.