- (ii) "Crime assessment" means an amount obtained for each subdivision or Baltimore City by multiplying the percent of total Part I Crimes in the State that were committed in the subdivision or Baltimore City by 10% of the costs for the crime laboratory of the State Police as provided in the State budget for the fiscal year of the assessment.
- (iii) "Part I Crimes" means the crimes reported by the State Police as Part I Crimes in the annual uniform crime report for the second completed calendar year preceding the fiscal year of the crime assessment.
- (iv) "Wealth assessment" means an amount obtained for each subdivision or Baltimore City by multiplying the percent of the total wealth base of the State that is attributable to the wealth base of the subdivision or Baltimore City by 20% of the costs for the crime laboratory of the State Police as provided in the State budget for the fiscal year of the assessment.
- (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount determined under subsection (b) of this section for each subdivision or Baltimore City shall be reduced by the sum of the crime assessment and the wealth assessment for the subdivision or Baltimore City.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

## **CHAPTER 266**

(Senate Bill 728)

AN ACT concerning

## Health Insurance - Medical Advice Transmitted by Electronic Mail-Reimbursement

## Telemedicine - Use and Reimbursement - Study

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law apply to health maintenance organizations; authorizing a carrier to reimburse a licensed physician for medical advice transmitted by electronic mail under certain circumstances; requiring a carrier to reimburse a licensed physician for certain services at a certain rate; requiring a carrier to give notice to individuals insured by the carrier of a certain policy; requiring a licensed physician to give certain notice to a patient before the physician provides certain services to a patient; defining certain terms; and generally relating to reimbursement for medical advice transmitted by electronic mail requiring the University of Maryland School of Medicine. in consultation with the School of Nursing and other stakeholders, to conduct a certain study regarding telemedicine; requiring the University of Maryland School of Medicine to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally