

CHAPTER 272

(Senate Bill 770)

AN ACT concerning

~~Health Insurance — Nonemergency Helicopter Transportation — Balance Billing Prohibited~~
Air Ambulance Services — Study

~~FOR the purpose of prohibiting a provider of nonemergency helicopter transportation from billing or seeking reimbursement from an insured for an amount in excess of the amount paid by a certain insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization under certain circumstances; and generally relating to balance billing for nonemergency helicopter transportation under health insurance.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General, to conduct a certain study and submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a study of air ambulance services.

BY adding to

~~Article — Health — General
Section 19-706(hhh)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

~~Article — Insurance
Section 15-132
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Article — Health — General~~

~~19-706:~~

~~(HHH) — THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-132 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.~~

~~Article — Insurance~~

~~15-132:~~

~~(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:~~