

**CHAPTER 48**

**(Senate Bill 380)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Services Cost Review Commission – Report on Hospital Charges**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission, to publish certain information on hospital charges; and generally relating to hospital charges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–207(b)

*Annotated Code of Maryland*

(2005 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**

19–207.

(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Commission shall:

(1) Adopt rules and regulations that relate to its meetings, minutes, and transactions;

(2) Keep minutes of each meeting;

(3) Prepare annually a budget proposal that includes the estimated income of the Commission and proposed expenses for its administration and operation;

(4) Within a reasonable time after the end of each facility’s fiscal year or more often as the Commission determines, prepare from the information filed with the Commission any summary, compilation, or other supplementary report that will advance the purposes of this subtitle;

(5) Periodically participate in or do analyses and studies that relate to:

(i) Health care costs;

(ii) The financial status of any facility; or

(iii) Any other appropriate matter;