

(iii) The Comptroller of the State shall distribute the fees to the EMS Board Provider Fund.

(4) The EMS Board Provider Fund shall be used exclusively to fund the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the EMS Board as provided by the provisions of this section.

(5) (i) The EMS Board Provider Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund and is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) Any unspent portion of the EMS Board Provider Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State but shall remain in the EMS Board Provider Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this section.

(n) (1) The EMS Board may delegate any portion of its authority under this section to the Executive Director of the Institute unless specifically precluded by statute.

(2) Notice of any delegation of authority made under this section shall be published in the Maryland Register.

(3) The EMS Board may not delegate its authority to promulgate and revise regulations, hear contested cases, or designate the provider review panel to the Executive Director of the Institute.

(4) The EMS Board may delegate to the Office of Administrative Hearings the authority to hear contested cases and issue recommendations.

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

Approved April 11, 2006.

CHAPTER 69

(Senate Bill 115)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure - Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Claims

FOR the purpose of altering a certain time limit for filing a claim with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; prohibiting the collection of debts from certain claimants; establishing certain legal protections for claimants from debt collection activities under certain circumstances; allowing certain health care providers to notify the Board of certain claims; requiring the Board to notify certain health care providers when a final decision is made on certain claims; allowing certain health care providers to pursue certain debt collection activities for a certain time period following a final decision on a claim under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to claims for criminal injuries compensation.