

suggested fees, rates, or commissions for use solely as guidelines in determining charges for professional or technical services;

(12) A political subdivision of the State in furnishing services or commodities; or

(13) A hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health – General Article, in the course of a merger or consolidation or the joint ownership and operation of major medical equipment, to the extent that the activity is approved by the Maryland Health Care Commission under § 19-129 of the Health – General Article.

(B) UNLESS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT THE APPLICATION OF THIS SUBTITLE TO A PERSON WHO:

- (1) AGREES TO:
  - (I) RIG BIDS;
  - (II) ALLOCATE CUSTOMERS OR TERRITORIES;
  - (III) BOYCOTT;
  - (IV) COERCE; OR
  - (V) INTIMIDATE; OR
- (2) ENGAGES IN AN ACT OF:
  - (I) BID RIGGING;
  - (II) CUSTOMER OR TERRITORIAL ALLOCATION;
  - (III) BOYCOTT;
  - (IV) COERCION; OR
  - (V) INTIMIDATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 240**

**(House Bill 797)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council – Extension**

FOR the purpose of altering the termination date of the Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council; and generally relating to the Maryland