

(3) The rates are set equitably among all purchasers or classes of purchasers without undue discrimination or preference.

(b) (1) To carry out its powers under subsection (a) of this section, the Commission may review and approve or disapprove the reasonableness of any rate that a facility sets or requests.

(2) A facility shall charge for services only at a rate set in accordance with this subtitle.

~~(3) IN DETERMINING THE REASONABLENESS OF THE RATES FOR OUTPATIENT SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RATES FOR SIMILAR SERVICES IN A NONHOSPITAL SETTING.~~

(3) IN DETERMINING THE REASONABLENESS OF RATES FOR CLINIC SERVICES OF A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, THE COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER THE RATES FOR SIMILAR SERVICES PROVIDED IN NONHOSPITAL SETTINGS LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY AS THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

(c) To promote the most efficient and effective use of health care facility services and, if it is in the public interest and consistent with this subtitle, the Commission may promote and approve alternate methods of rate determination and payment that are of an experimental nature.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 1986, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 471

(House Bill 1253)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Washington College

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$3,243,800~~ \$3,243,900, the proceeds to be used as a grant to Washington College to assist in the planning, design, construction and equipping of an Academic Resources Center; the planning, design, addition, alteration, renovation, and equipping of Dunning Science Building; the planning, design, addition, alteration, renovation, and