

(3) The effect of Subtitle 10 of the Health - General Article on quality of care;

(4) Access to health care services provided through the use of major medical equipment under licensing as related to financial status of individuals;

(5) The effects of the use of major medical equipment on health care costs under licensing requirements;

(6) Federal laws relating to the approval process for major medical equipment;

(7) The effect of excluding health maintenance organizations from the licensing requirements of Subtitle 10 of the Health - General Article; and

(8) Any information the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene deems relevant or that is requested by the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment established by Chapter (H.B. 1551/S.B. 655) shall study the licensing program for major medical equipment and report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1987 as to recommendations for continuation of the licensing process for major medical equipment over \$600,000.

Further, the Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment shall study Health Maintenance Organizations with respect to their inclusion under licensure requirements, their effectiveness in reducing health care costs, their methods of operation, and any other relevant information the Joint Committee deems necessary, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 1987.

SECTION -3- 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act affects the State's ability to obtain Medicare reimbursement, then the provisions of this Act shall be void and shall cease to be of any force or effect from the date on which the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene receives notice from the appropriate federal authority that Medicare reimbursement will be denied as a result of any provision of this Act.

SECTION--4.--AND--BE--IT--FURTHER--ENACTED,--That--if--the provisions--of--this--Act--are--found--to--be--of--no--further--force--and effect,--then--appropriate--action--should--be--taken--by--the--General Assembly--to--reevaluate--the--State's--policy--for--certificate--of--need for--major--medical--equipment.