

(1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
 Section 19-114.1, 19-115(n) and ~~(e)~~, ~~19-118(j)~~, 19-118(e),
 19-123, 19-207.2, 19-325, and 19-326, and 19-326.17
 and ~~19-331~~
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law
 Section 11-203(13)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
 Departments
Section 206E
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article 43C - Maryland Health and Higher Educational
 Facilities Authority
 Section 16A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

WHEREAS, Initiatives by the third party payors and hospitals in response to the escalation in health care costs and apparent changes in medical practice have contributed to a dramatic decline in the utilization of hospital services; and

WHEREAS, The decline in the utilization of hospital services has led to a significant increase in excess capacity in Maryland hospitals; and

WHEREAS, There are large costs associated with the maintenance of excess hospital capacity and excess capacity can result in an increase of inappropriate utilization of hospital services; and