SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.

CHAPTER 423

(House Bill 196)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Reimbursement and Collection - Chargeable Persons

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collect certain payments from any person who maintains a policy of health insurance under which a recipient of certain services is insured; requiring the payment of those services regardless of whether the recipient of services was admitted voluntarily, involuntarily, or by court order; and generally relating to reimbursement and collection of moneys by the Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 16-101, 16-102(a), 16-203, and 16-404 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

16-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) (1) As to a recipient of services under the Maryland Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Law, a word used in this title has the same meaning as is indicated by a definition of the word in § 7-101 of this article.
- (2) As to a recipient of services under the Maryland Mental Hygiene Law, a word used in this title has the same meaning as is indicated by a definition of the word in § 10-101 of this article.
 - (c) "Chargeable person" means: