

assess-certain-health-care-facilities-and--health--insurance companies---at--certain--times--in--a--certain--manner,--and generally-relating-to-the-establishment,-powers,-and--duties of--the--People's--Advocate-for-Health establishing a Health Education and Advocacy Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection; authorizing the Unit to implement a certain educational advocacy program, to assist health care consumers with certain health care billing and coverage problems, and to make certain recommendations to certain governmental officials and agencies; requiring the Unit to refer certain matters to certain persons and to work with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to assist with certain problems; requiring the Attorney General's Office, to the extent possible, to include in its annual budget funds for the administration and operation of the Unit; requiring a certain report; providing for the termination of the Unit on a certain date; and generally relating to the establishment of a Health Education and Advocacy Unit.

BY adding to

Article---Health---General  
Section-2-108-through-2-113  
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland  
{1982-Volume-and-1985-Supplement}

Article - Commercial Law  
Section 13-4A-01 through 13-4A-03 to be under the new  
subtitle "Subtitle 4A. Health Education and Advocacy  
Unit"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement 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  
Article - Commercial Law

2-108-

THERE-IS-AN-OFFICE-OF-THE-PEOPLE'S-ADVOCATE-FOR-HEALTH-

2-109-

{A}--THE-GOVERNOR-SHALL-APPOINT-THE--PEOPLE'S--ADVOCATE--FOR-HEALTH--WITH--THE--ADVICE--AND-CONSENT-OF-THE-SENATE,-FROM-A-LIST-SUBMITTED-TO-THE-GOVERNOR-BY-THE-SECRETARY,--THE-NUMBER-OF--NAMES-ON-THE-LIST-SHALL-BE-3-TIMES-THE-NUMBER-OF-VACANCIES-

{B}--THE-PEOPLE'S-ADVOCATE-FOR-HEALTH-SHALL-BE-

{1}--AN-ATTORNEY-AT-LAW-OF-THE-STATE,-AND