

~~SECTION--2.---AND--BE--IT--FURTHER--ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the reduction in revenues resulting from the maximum surcharge imposed under this Act shall not be offset by increases in surcharge rates to any electric consumer subject to the environmental surcharge imposed under § 54B of Article 78 of the Annotated Code, nor shall it be deemed a cost of generation or an allowable expense for rate-making purposes under § 54B of Article 78 of the Annotated Code.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources after consultation with the Public Service Commission shall study the need for continued monitoring and research with respect to the existing and proposed electric power plants in Maryland, the degree to which the activities of the Power Plant Siting and Research Program are consistent with the statute, the desirable overall level of funding after 1990, and the appropriate source of funding, including but not limited to, the existing environmental surcharge, alternative taxes on power generation, and State general funds, and report, not later than May 1, 1987, to the Legislative Policy Committee with recommendations including draft legislation for funding the necessary monitoring and research program.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 684

(Senate Bill 696)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission -
Health Resources Planning Commission - Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of and method of assessing user fees on certain facilities for the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Health Resources Planning Commission; providing for a certain maximum amount of user