- (b) The insurance policy shall be procured from any insurer or surety that is acceptable to the Insurance Commissioner of Maryland.
- (c) A certificate of insurance shall be furnished to the Commissioner prior to the issuance of a certificate of inspection.

SECTION $-2 \div 3$. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 690

(Senate Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Cost Containment - Utilization Review

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain minimum standards concerning utilization review at a hospital established by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene are directed at appropriateness and quality of care; requiring that certain minimum standards concerning utilization review at a hospital include readmission review; authorizing the Secretary to establish certain recordkeeping and reporting requirements for purposes of evaluation and ensuring compliance concerning the utilization review program; and generally relating to utilization review programs for hospital patients.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-319(d) 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

19-319.

(d) (1) As a condition of licensure, each hospital shall establish a utilization review program for all patients admitted to the hospital. The utilization review program: