CHAPTER 395

(House Bill 346)

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organizations - Fees for Investigations

FOR the purpose of eliminating the cap on the amount a health maintenance organization may be required to pay for the costs of certain investigations conducted by the Insurance Commissioner and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to fees for the costs of investigations of health maintenance organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-709 Annotated Code of Maryland (1987 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

19-709.

- (a) When a health maintenance organization files its initial application for a certificate of authority to operate, it shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of \$300.
- (b) In addition to the fee required under subsection (a) of this section, each health maintenance organization shall pay a reasonable sum[, not exceeding \$7,500,] that the Commissioner finds to be the cost of the investigations made by the Commissioner and the Department as required under this subtitle.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 17, 1988.