VETOES

Cost Review Commission - Funding -Sunset Provision

the purpose of repealing a certain termination date concerning funding for the Health Resources Planning Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission; altering the date on which the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Health Resources Planning Commission must have assessed user fees on certain facilities each year; altering the date by which certain facilities must have payment of assessed user fees to the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Health Resources Planning Commission; and providing for a certain effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-122 and 19-207.1 Annotated Code of Maryland [1987 Replacement Volume]

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Chapter 684 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986 Section 3

Preamble

WHEREAS, Sections 19-122 and 19-207.1 of the Health - General Article which requires the Health Resources Planning Commission and Health Services Cost Review Commission respectively, to assess and collect user fees on certain facilities within their jurisdiction automatically terminates on June 30, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Unless the sunset provision, Section 3 of Chapter 684 of the Laws of 1986, is removed, the previous authorization which provides that the amount of the user fee collections be capped at \$1,000,000 annually automatically will take effect after June 30, 1988; and

WHEREAS, This reversion is a move backward because the Commissions Health Resources Planning Commission billed the industry approximately \$1,271,742 in Fiscal Year 1987 and \$1,131,795 in Fiscal Year 1988, due to the decrease in General Fund appropriation. Moreover, the estimated anticipated billing for-Fiscal-Year-1988-is-\$1,131,795,-due-to-the-decrease-in General-Fund-appropriation by the Health Services Cost Review Commission in Fiscal Year 1989 will be in the excess of the \$1,000,000 level, as well; now, therefore; ,