

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

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

Article - Health - General

19-122.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Facilities" means:

1. Hospitals;
2. Special hospitals; and
3. Nursing homes.

(ii) "Facilities" does not include a kidney disease treatment unit or any agency of the Department.

(iii) "Net State contribution" means, for each fiscal year, one third of the General Fund appropriation for the Commission.

(b) (1) The Commission, in lieu of the application fees provided for in § 19-115(b), shall impose a user fee on facilities.

(2) The total user fees assessed by the Commission shall be equal to twice the net State contribution. The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed \$2,500,000 in any fiscal year.

(3) The Commission shall pay all funds collected from user fees and application fees into the General Fund of the State.

(c) The Commission shall:

(1) Assess user fees for each facility equal to the sum of:

(i) The amount equal to one half of the total user fees times the ratio of admissions of the facility to total admissions of all facilities; and

(ii) The amount equal to one half of the total user fees times the ratio of gross operating revenue of each facility to total gross operating revenues of all facilities;

(2) Establish minimum and maximum assessments; and