

(e) (1) Each county shall submit to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services by [ November 1 ] DECEMBER 31 of each year, a report containing the following information for the preceding fiscal year:

(i) The amount of funds distributed to each recipient and the purpose of expenditure of these funds categorized as provided in Section 45B(d)(1) of this subtitle;

(ii) The amount and disposition of any unencumbered or unexpended funds; and

(iii) The amount of expenditures by the county for fire protection.

(2) A copy of this report shall be provided, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the Department of Fiscal Services.

(3) The Secretary may withhold funds with respect to the next fiscal year from a county if the county does not comply with the provisions of this subtitle. Failure to comply after notice and opportunity for a hearing may result in the forfeiture of the allocated funds, either in part or in full, and reversion to the State General Fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the ~~matching fund maintenance of effort~~ obligation of each county under Article 38A, § ~~45D(b)~~ 45D(a) of the Code is not applicable in Fiscal Years ~~1992 and 1993. 1992 through 1994, inclusive and 1993.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 11, 1993.

## CHAPTER 376

### (House Bill 1280)

AN ACT concerning

#### Health Care Cost Containment – Patient Referrals – Health Care Practitioners

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain referrals of patients by certain health care practitioners to certain health care entities in which the practitioner has a beneficial interest or has a certain compensation agreement; requiring certain disclosure by certain health care practitioners under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions; repealing certain disclosure requirements; defining certain terms; prohibiting claims or billing for certain health care services; providing certain joint and several liability for certain prohibited billing; prohibiting certain demands for payment from third party payors and certain persons; providing that certain third party payors may not be required to make certain reimbursements; specifying that