

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any provision of Article 48A of the Code and if authorized under federal law, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene through the adoption of regulations may establish a pilot program, subject to the review of the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing, to enter into prepaid or capitated payment arrangements under which services are made available to medical assistance recipients by health care providers that do not hold a certificate of authority to operate as an insurer or a health maintenance organization. Any pilot program established under this section shall be carefully controlled and monitored to ensure that medical assistance recipients have continued access to needed services and shall include provisions to ensure that participating providers have a demonstrated capacity to assume the financial risk under the prepaid or capitated payment arrangement. Nothing in this section may be construed as authorizing the Secretary to waive the provisions of § 15-110 of the Health - General Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act is contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (H.B. 1359) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993, and if Chapter _____ (H.B. 1359) does not become effective, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

CHAPTER 447

(Senate Bill 491)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Electrologists

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Electrologists (Board) in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to a certain date the termination provision relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board and the regulation of electrologists; altering the membership of the Board; requiring the Board to investigate certain options to enhance the administrative efficiency of the Board; requiring the Board to make a certain report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before a certain date; repealing the termination clause on the enactment altering the number of hours of instruction in electrology required for licensure as an electrologist; and generally relating to the State Board of Electrologists and the regulation of electrologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 6-202(a) and (d), and 6-702

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)