used to cover certain costs and expended for a certain purpose; and generally relating to ~~personnel of and~~ user fees for the Health Resources Planning Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–122(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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)] (1)   "Facilities" means:

[1.] (I)   Hospitals;

[2.] (II)   Special hospitals; and

[3.] (III)   Nursing homes[.]; AND

[(ii)](2)   "Facilities" does not include a kidney disease treatment unit or any agency of the Department.

[(3)   "Net State contribution" means for fiscal year ~~1995~~ 1998 and for each fiscal year thereafter, one–fifth of the General Fund appropriation for the Commission.]

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

(2)   The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed [$3,000,000] $3,250,000 in any fiscal year.

(3)   Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, FOR FISCAL YEARS 1995, 1996, AND 1997 [for fiscal year 1994] the total user fees assessed by the Commission shall be equal to the General Fund appropriation.

(4)   [Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, for fiscal year ~~1995~~ 1998 and each fiscal year thereafter, the total user fees assessed by the Commission shall be equal to 4 times the net State contribution.

(5)] The Commission shall pay all funds collected from user fees and application fees into the General Fund of the State[, with any user fee revenue unobligated by the Commission's current budget carried over to offset the total user fee assessment for the next fiscal year].