(4) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 2, 1994.

CHAPTER 183

(Senate Bill 482)

AN ACT concerning

Residential Service Agencies - Home Medical Equipment Providers

FOR the purpose of requiring a person to be licensed with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene <u>as a residential service agency</u> before the person may provide home medical equipment services; <u>restricting the licensure requirement to certain persons</u>; <u>requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations</u>; <u>requiring that the regulations include minimum standards</u>; <u>requiring the Secretary Department to set certain fees to cover the costs of licensure</u>; <u>authorizing the Department to determine compliance with certain regulations and to approve, deny, suspend, or revoke licensure</u>; <u>providing penalties for noncompliance</u>; <u>providing that this Act does not entitle a person to third party reimbursement</u>; <u>providing for certain exceptions</u>; defining certain terms; and generally relating to <u>residential service</u> <u>agencies that provide</u> home medical equipment providers.

BY adding to

Article Health General

Section 19 1701 through 19 1704 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 17. Home Medical Equipment Providers"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-4A-01

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The staff of the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission has prepared a report entitled "Study of Community Based Long Term Care Services, Part I; Home Care Services, November 30, 1993," and concluded that providers of noninvasive home medical equipment services are not presently regulated in Maryland; and