

CHAPTER 472

(Senate Bill 260)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Care Access and Cost Commission - At-Large Members**

FOR the purpose of adding two at-large members to the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission; providing that those two additional members shall be individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor; and generally relating to the membership of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1503

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**

19-1503.

(a) (1) The Commission shall consist of ~~[seven]~~ NINE members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) Of the ~~[seven]~~ NINE members, ~~[four]~~ SIX shall be individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor.

(b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) The Governor may remove a member for neglect of duty, incompetence, or misconduct.

(4) A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(c) (1) ~~[To]~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO the extent practicable, when appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall assure geographic balance in the Commission's membership.

(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED AT LARGE AND MAY BE FROM A GEOGRAPHIC AREA ALREADY REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION.