

WHEREAS, Pursuant to federal law, including the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-159), as amended by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163), the Maryland Energy Administration has extensive experience administering the State set-aside program; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 12287 ended the federal petroleum pricing and allocation controls, including the State set-aside on January 28, 1981; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973, as amended by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, authorizing the implementation of a State set-aside, terminated on September 30, 1981; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly responded to the termination of that Act by enacting Chapter 364 of the Acts of 1982, which created a State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside Program which can be activated upon declaration by the Governor of an energy emergency to mitigate hardships and emergency conditions caused by a fuel shortage; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside Program were last extended by the General Assembly in 1991 and the Program will now terminate on July 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest for the State of Maryland to establish and maintain in a state of readiness a State standby set-aside program which can be activated upon declaration of the Governor of an energy emergency to mitigate hardships and emergency conditions caused by a fuel shortage; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

10-811.

This subtitle shall remain in effect only until July 1, [1995] 2000, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute extends that date.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1995.

Approved May 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 462

(House Bill 1013)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission – User Fee Assessment

FOR the purpose of making certain changes and modifications to provisions of law