

enacted by Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1993; ~~modifying the user fee assessment by adding certain office facilities as an assessable entity~~; altering the assessment proportions of the budget for the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission that various groups shall fund; specifying how certain entities shall be assessed under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Health Resources Planning Commission, and the Office of Licensing and Certification in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide certain data and information to the Commission~~; ~~authorizing the Commission, for a certain fiscal year, to make a certain assessment on office facilities~~; ~~authorizing the Office of Licensing and Certification to collect a certain assessment on office facilities under certain circumstances~~; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; *providing for the termination of this Act*; and generally relating to modifying the user fee assessment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 490R

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1501(h) and 19-1515

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

**Article 48A - Insurance Code**

490R.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning stated in § 698 of this article.

(3) "Payor" means:

(i) A health insurer or nonprofit health service plan that holds a certificate of authority and provides health insurance policies or contracts in this State under this article;

(ii) A health maintenance organization that is licensed to operate in the State; or

(iii) A third party administrator ~~or any other entity under contract with a Maryland business to administer health care benefits.~~

(4) "THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS ANY PERSON REGISTERED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR UNDER THIS ARTICLE.