SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not been exercised, and nothing contained in this Act may be construed to impair, in any way, the validity of any bonds that may have been issued by the County under the authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Washington County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 111

(House Bill 978)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Access and Cost Commission – Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters; specifying that certain practice parameters adopted by the Health Care Access and Cost Commission remain in effect until a certain date; and generally relating to repealing the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters.

BY repealing

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1601 through 19-1606, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 16.

Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)