

1. One-half to make grants under the Health Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program under § 18-803 of the Education Article; and

2. One-half to make grants under the Loan Assistance Repayment Program under § 18-1502(c) of the Education Article to physicians engaged in primary care or to medical residents specializing in primary care who agree to practice for at least 2 years as primary care physicians in a geographic area of the State that has been designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as being medically underserved; and

[(iii)] (II) The balance of the fees to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund.

(d) (1) The Fund shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the provisions of this title.

(2) (i) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund, not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) Any unspent portions of the Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this title.

(3) No other State money may be used to support the Fund.

(e) (1) The Chairman of the Board or the designee of the Chairman shall administer the Fund.

(2) Moneys in the Fund may be expended only for any lawful purpose authorized by the provisions of this title.

(f) The Legislative Auditor shall audit the accounts and transactions of the Fund as provided in § 2-1220 of the State Government Article.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Physician Quality Assurance shall, on or before June 30, 2000, reduce the fees it sets under § 14-207(b) of the Health Occupations Article for the issuance and renewal of licenses and its other services, and for the compensation and expenses of its members, in an amount equal to 6 percent of the fees the State Comptroller distributed to the General Fund of the State in fiscal year 1999 under § 14-207(e)(2)(i) of the Health Occupations Article, as repealed by Section 1 of this Act.~~

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.