

(b) A carrier shall apply all risk adjustment factors under subsection (a) of this section consistently with respect to all health benefit plans that are issued, delivered, or renewed in the State.

(c) [(1)] Based on the adjustments allowed under subsection (a)(2) of this section, a carrier may charge a rate that is [33%] ~~50%~~ 40% above or below the community rate.

[(2) On or before October 1, 1998, the Commissioner, in conjunction with the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the feasibility and desirability of requiring carriers to charge rates that are less than 33% above or below the community rate for health benefit plans.]

(d) A carrier shall base its rating methods and practices on commonly accepted actuarial assumptions and sound actuarial principles.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 672

(House Bill 944)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County - Gaming Requirements and Guidelines

FOR the purpose of allowing certain additional organizations to become eligible for certain gaming licenses; establishing certain requirements for certain gaming license applicants; establishing the time periods for which certain licenses are to be in effect; requiring applications for certain licenses to contain certain information; requiring certain organizations to file certain reports with the Sheriff within a certain time period; establishing certain license fees for certain types of gambling; providing for the denial or suspension of certain licenses under certain conditions; requiring the Sheriff of Wicomico County to establish a Gaming Advisory Committee; and generally relating to gambling in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
 Section 256
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments