

~~(E)~~ ~~(G)~~ ~~(F)~~ THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN AN INTERIM REPORT WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF BEING APPOINTED AND IN AN ANNUAL REPORT ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective until the end of December 1, 2005, at which time, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 259

(Senate Bill 322)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - State Health Plan Fraud

FOR the purpose of revising and restating the laws relating to State health plan fraud, Medicaid fraud, and related offenses; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully defrauding or attempting to defraud a State health plan; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully obtaining or attempting to obtain by means of a false representation money, property, or any thing of value under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully defrauding or attempting to defraud a State health plan of the right to honest services; prohibiting a person with the intent to defraud from making a false representation relating to health care services or a State health plan; prohibiting a certain person from knowingly and willfully converting all or any part of a State health plan benefit or payment to a use that is not for the authorized beneficiary; prohibiting a person from providing to another individual items or services for which certain payment is or may be made from certain funds and solicit, offer, make, or receive a kickback or bribe in connection with providing certain items or services or making or receiving a benefit or payment under the State health plan; prohibiting a person from soliciting, offering, making, or receiving a rebate of a fee or charge for referring another individual to a third person to provide items or services for which certain payment is made; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a false representation with respect to conditions or operations of a facility, institution, or State health plan in order to help the facility, institution, or State