

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–103 and 19–134
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Health – General
Section 19–136
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY renumbering
Article – Health – General
Section 19–137 through 19–139, respectively
to be Section 19–136 through 19–138, respectively
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

19–103.

- (a) There is a Maryland Health Care Commission.
- (b) The Commission is an independent commission that functions in the Department.
- (c) The purpose of the Commission is to:
 - (1) Develop health care cost containment strategies to help provide access to appropriate quality health care services for all Marylanders, after consulting with the Health Services Cost Review Commission;
 - (2) Promote the development of a health regulatory system that provides, for all Marylanders, financial and geographic access to quality health care services at a reasonable cost by:
 - (i) Advocating policies and systems to promote the efficient delivery of and improved access to health care services; AND
 - (ii) Enhancing the strengths of the current health care service delivery and regulatory system;
 - (3) Facilitate the public disclosure of medical claims data for the development of public policy;