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(e) (1) A written statement or bill for health care expenses is admissible without the support of the testimony of a health care provider as the maker or the custodian of the statement or bill as evidence of the amount, fairness, and reasonableness of the charges for the services or materials provided.

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(f) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to limit the right of a party to:

- (1) Request a summons to compel the attendance of a witness;
- (2) Examine a witness who appears at trial; or
- (3) Engage in discovery as provided under the Maryland Rules.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any case filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 132

(House Bill 501)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Housing and Community Development - ~~Self-Help Homeownership Technical Assistance Program~~ Affordable Housing

FOR the purpose of establishing a Self-Help Homeownership Technical Assistance Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; defining certain terms; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program and adopt certain regulations, policies, and procedures that encourage self-help homeownership throughout the State; establishing certain conditions for the approval by the Department of project applications; providing that service as a trustee of the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust may not be deemed an office or employment for purposes of any statutory prohibition against the holding of two public positions; and generally relating to ~~the Self Help Homeownership Technical Assistance Program and the development of opportunities for self help homeownership in the State~~ affordable housing.