

CHAPTER 498

(House Bill 733)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission - User Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of user fees the Health Services Cost Review Commission may assess; specifying the percentage amount that user fees assessed may be increased from one fiscal year to the next; clarifying that the maximum user fee assessment applies only to user fees assessed in any fiscal year; providing that the Commission may not increase the total amount of certain fees assessed until the later of a certain date or the submission of a certain report; and generally relating to the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-213

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-213.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Facilities" means hospitals and related institutions whose rates have been approved by the Commission.

(b) The Commission shall assess and collect user fees on facilities as defined in this section.

(c) (1) The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed ~~[\$3,500,000]~~ \$4,000,000 in any fiscal year.

(2) The total user fees assessed by the Commission may not exceed the Special Fund appropriation for the Commission by more than 20%.

(3) The user fees assessed by the Commission shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

(4) The Commission shall pay all funds collected from fees assessed in accordance with this section into the Health Services Cost Review Commission Fund.

(5) The user fees assessed by the Commission may be expended only for purposes authorized by the provisions of this subtitle.