

(h) (1) This section shall terminate and be of no effect on the first day of July following the cessation of a waiver by law or agreement for Medicare and Medicaid between the State of Maryland and the federal government.

(2) If notice of intent to terminate is made by the federal government to this State prior to the first day of an intervening session of the Maryland General Assembly, this section shall expire June 30 of the following calendar year. However, under no circumstances shall less than seven calendar months occur between notice of termination and expiration of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, the Health Services Cost Review Commission may not increase the amount of total user fees assessed in any fiscal year beyond \$3,500,000 until the later of:

(1) July 1, 2001; or

(2) the Commission's completion of an assessment of the financial condition and future viability of Maryland's hospitals and submission of a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its findings and plan of corrective action to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.

SECTION 2.3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 499

(House Bill 741)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Tasting and Sampling

FOR the purpose of establishing in Caroline County a Class BWTS license for beer and wine tasting and sampling; establishing a certain fee; ~~requiring recipients of a Class BWTS license to hold a certain license;~~ requiring that certain alcoholic beverages be given to consumers at no charge; establishing certain limits for the amount of alcoholic beverages that may be consumed; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners not to publish an application for a Class BWTS license before granting the license; establishing a certain limit for granting licenses to one person in a calendar year; requiring that license holders dispose of unconsumed alcoholic beverages in a certain way; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Caroline County.

BY adding to