

Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting system for voting at polling places until the system is implemented in the county; and

(b) A county that has purchased a voting system for absentee voting within the last 10 years and before December 31, 2000 is not required to implement the uniform statewide system for absentee voting provided for under this Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide system for absentee voting until the system is implemented in the county.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed to the State and fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed, on the basis of a county's voting age population, to the counties that have implemented the uniform statewide voting system provided for under this Act in the fiscal year in which the funds are received.

SECTION ~~2~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

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**CHAPTER 565**

**(Senate Bill 786)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Maryland Health Care Commission – Modifications and Clarifications**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt regulations to establish certain deadlines for filing information and to impose certain penalties in certain circumstances; making certain modifications to the methodology for calculating user fees assessed payors; altering the maximum dollar amount of total fees that the Commission may assess in any fiscal year; altering the manner in which the Commission determines the assessments of total fees; transferring certain health planning functions to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; repealing or transferring to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene certain provisions relating to establishment and operation of local health planning agencies; altering certain definitions; clarifying that the Commission may provide certain information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and local health departments; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; making clarifying changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Care Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General