or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, [2002] 2004, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

## **CHAPTER 189**

(Senate Bill 819)

AN ACT concerning

## Health Care Practitioners Credentials Hospitals - Uniform Standard Credentialing Form

FOR the purpose of requiring a hospital to use a uniform standard credentialing form as a condition of licensure; requiring a uniform credentialing form to provide for the collection of certain information for carriers, credentialing intermediaries and health care facilities; requiring a health care facility to accept the uniform eredentialing form as the sole application for a health care provider; requiring the uniform credentialing form be made available to a health care provider that is to be credentialed by a health care facility; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to impose a certain penalty to a health care facility for certain reasons: altering certain definitions requiring hospitals to use the uniform standard credentialing form as the initial application of a physician seeking to be credentialed; providing that the use of the uniform standard credentialing form does not preclude a hospital from requiring additional information; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to permit a carrier to use a health care facility's credentialing form in certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to consult with certain organizations in the development of the uniform standard credentialing form; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a uniform standard credentialing form for a health-care provider hospitals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-319(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland