

SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION HAS FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH § 15-1212 OR § 15-1308 OF THIS ARTICLE.

**Article - Health - General**

19-706.

(WW) THE PROVISIONS OF § 27-603 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

Approved April 25, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 248**

**(House Bill 769)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Park Police Officers - Binding Arbitration**

**PG/MC 110-02**

FOR the purpose of establishing procedures for binding arbitration between the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and park police officers; providing for the appointment of a labor relations administrator in a certain manner; requiring that collective bargaining between the Commission and the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit for park police officers to begin not later than a certain date each year and to end not later than a certain date each year; requiring that negotiations be conducted in good faith; establishing a procedure for resolving a negotiability dispute; repealing certain provisions authorizing the appointment of a fact finder and the use of fact-finding procedures; establishing procedures for the appointment of an arbitrator and for binding arbitration under certain circumstances; setting certain deadlines; requiring the arbitrator to take certain actions in determining a final reasonable offer; requiring the arbitrator to direct the parties to submit certain memoranda; limiting the items which the arbitrator may consider in selecting a final offer; prohibiting the arbitrator from compromising or altering the final offer selected; providing that the parties need not ratify, but must execute, the final offer; providing for the treatment of the final offer; providing that the economic terms of the final offer are subject to being funded by the Montgomery and Prince George's county councils; requiring the Commission to request funds for all economic provisions of the final agreement in the Commission's final budget; requiring the parties to reopen negotiations if the county councils do not fund all provisions of the final agreement; requiring the parties to share equally in paying the costs of arbitration; clarifying the rights and responsibilities of the Commission; making certain stylistic changes;