

(ii) the budget committees of the General Assembly have reviewed and commented on the cost estimate or 45 days elapse from the date the cost estimate is received by the committees.

(4) (5) The bonds issued under the authority of this Act do not create or constitute any indebtedness or obligation of the State or of any political subdivision thereof except the University System of Maryland and Morgan State University, and the bonds shall so state on their face. The bonds do not constitute a debt or obligation contracted by the General Assembly of Maryland or pledge the faith and credit of the State within the meaning of Article III, Section 34 of the Constitution of Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

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## CHAPTER 394

### (House Bill 896)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Health Insurance - Mental Illness - Coverage for Residential Crisis Services**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for medically necessary residential crisis services for an insured or enrollee with a mental illness under certain circumstances; providing that certain services may be delivered under a managed care system; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for residential crisis services under health insurance.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-840

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(ww)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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