

~~(2) UPON REQUEST BY THE DEPARTMENT, A NURSING FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE VERIFICATION, IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OF:~~

~~(I) THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE NURSING HOME; AND~~

~~(II) THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BEDS UPON WHICH PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT WAS CALCULATED.~~

~~(D) IF A NURSING FACILITY FAILS TO PAY THE FULL ASSESSMENT DUE TO THE COMPTROLLER IN A TIMELY FASHION, THE COMPTROLLER MAY IMPOSE A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000 PER DAY FOR EACH DAY THAT ALL OR PART OF THE PAYMENT IS DELINQUENT.~~

~~(E) (1) IF A NURSING FACILITY CHANGES OWNERSHIP WITHOUT PAYING ALL ASSESSMENTS DUE AND OWING UNDER THIS SECTION, THE NEW OWNER SHALL ASSUME THE OBLIGATION TO PAY ALL ASSESSMENTS DUE AND OWING.~~

~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIRED ASSESSMENT IF THE NEW OWNER DEMONSTRATES GOOD CAUSE.~~

~~(F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for permission to exclude continuing care facilities from the definition of nursing facilities for purposes of the assessment under § 19-1416 of the Health General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.~~

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the proceeds (net of the expenses directly related to the sale) obtained from the sale of the vessel known as Maryland Independence shall be deposited into the General Fund on or before June 30, 2004.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, if, between June 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, executive branch agencies dispose of passenger vehicles that are not essential to core business functions, the proceeds of the sale (net of costs directly related to the sale) of excess vehicles shall be deposited into the General Fund unless otherwise required by federal law or regulation. This provision does not apply to vehicles that are necessary to operations and for which replacement vehicles are required.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 8-204 of the Public Safety Article or any other provision of law, in fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007, loan repayments from the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund may be used for the purpose of providing grants to the Maryland State Firemen's Association for administrative expenses and grants to widows and orphans.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That: