

(2) Any contract, obligation, duty, liability, or penalty outstanding on behalf of the special taxing area or district at the time of the incorporation and any right, privilege, asset, property or interest in property, claim, demand, or cause of action of the special taxing area or district at the time of the incorporation shall be fully assumed by the municipal corporation at the time of the incorporation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on the date that the special taxing area or district created by Chapter 131 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1914 and known as the villages of "Friendship Heights" and "The Hills" is incorporated, in its entirety, as a municipal corporation or as part of a municipal corporation.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and, subject to the provisions of Section 2 above, shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 9, 1991.

CHAPTER 24

(House Bill 842)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance ~~and~~, Pharmacy Assistance, and Prenatal Assistance Provider Fees

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the department which administers the Medical Assistance Program to ~~impose~~ assess fees on certain Medical Assistance ~~and~~, Pharmacy Assistance, and Prenatal Assistance providers; providing a certain exception to the authority of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose assess fees; requiring the department authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain rules and regulations; specifying that providers are not to be penalized financially by the fees; specifying that in selecting provider groups on which to impose assess fees, the Secretary shall take into account any restrictions imposed by federal law, including but not limited to applicable federal upper limits and limitations imposed by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990; requiring the department to collect the fees and transfer the fees to the General Fund; authorizing the Secretary to deduct the fees from providers' Medical Assistance ~~and~~, Pharmacy Assistance, and Prenatal Assistance Program payments; specifying that under certain circumstances providers who receive certain refunds of fees shall reimburse the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that this subtitle Act shall be of no further force or effect if the imposition of these fees becomes prohibited by federal law at the earliest of June 30, 1992, the date on which an Act of Congress prohibiting the imposition of provider fees becomes effective, or the date on which a court order prohibiting the imposition assessment of all provider fees becomes