

CHAPTER 404

(House Bill 1246)

AN ACT concerning

Kidney Disease Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing the Kidney Disease Fund; requiring the State Commission on Kidney Disease to establish by regulation a certain fee to be paid by ~~all~~ certain certified dialysis and transplant centers under certain circumstances; specifying that the fee established by the Commission may not exceed a certain amount; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collect and transfer the fees collected into the Fund; specifying that the Fund shall be used to offset and partially cover certain costs incurred by the Commission to carry out the Commission's statutory and regulatory duties; requiring the Department to pay certain other costs of the Commission; prohibiting the transfer or reversion of certain portions of the Fund to the General Fund of the State; specifying the administration of the Fund; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct a certain audit of the Fund; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Kidney Disease Fund.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-310.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In order for the State Commission on Kidney Disease to continue to carry out the provisions of § 13-307 of the Health - General Article, major reforms such as the establishment of a system of reserved funding must be implemented; and

WHEREAS, The State Commission on Kidney Disease adopts physical and medical standards for the operation of dialysis and transplant centers in order to protect the patient population; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the staff of the State Commission on Kidney Disease, certifies dialysis and transplant centers that meet the physical and medical standards adopted by the State Commission on Kidney Disease; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a special fund that will consist of the fees collected by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and transferred into the special fund from the annual certification of dialysis and transplant centers will allow the State Commission on Kidney Disease to support its direct operational costs; and