

CHAPTER 600**(House Bill 1235)**

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Cost Containment – Closed or Delicensed Hospitals

FOR the purpose of encouraging and assisting voluntary efforts to reduce excess hospital capacity in the State by altering the authority of the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess certain fees relating to the public body obligations of a closed or delicensed hospital; authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess certain fees relating to certain closure costs of a closed or delicensed hospital under certain circumstances; authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to include in the rates of certain hospitals amounts sufficient to pay for certain costs of closure or delicensure of a hospital; excluding certain obligations from the scope of public body obligations of a closed or delicensed hospital which may be financed or refinanced by the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority (Authority); requiring that the Health Resources Planning Commission give the Authority and the Health Services Cost Review Commission notice of certain preliminary actions taken in connection with the closure or delicensure of a hospital; authorizing the Authority to take certain actions upon receipt of certain notice; altering the requirements imposed on a hospital that intends or is scheduled to close; authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to provide for the payment of certain closure costs of certain closed or delicensed hospitals; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to take into account certain factors in determining the costs of closure of a hospital for the payment of which provision is to be made; authorizing the Authority to issue negotiable bonds or notes to finance or refinance certain closure costs; providing for the source of payment of certain bonds or notes; clarifying the circumstances under which the Authority may proceed against certain collateral securing public body obligations of a closed or delicensed hospital; authorizing the Authority, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, and the Health Resources Planning Commission to waive certain notice requirements; making the provisions of this Act severable; specifying that the provisions of this Act apply to certain bonds issued after a certain date; providing a certain exception; and generally relating to the closure and delicensure of hospitals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-207.2 and 19-219(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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Article 43C – Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority

Section 16A