

(b) The Program shall comply with the applicable provisions of all federal and State laws that relate to the continuation of health benefits.

(c) IF A RECIPIENT IS A MEDICARE BENEFICIARY, THE PROGRAM MAY PAY PREMIUMS ONLY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICARE COVERAGE UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT IT IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE FOR THE PROGRAM TO PAY PREMIUMS FOR OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AVAILABLE TO THE RECIPIENT.

15-204.

The Department shall adopt regulations that authorize the denial, restriction, or termination of benefits for recipients who commit acts of abuse or fraud against the Program.

15-205.

(a) The Department shall, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, provide the Governor and the General Assembly with an annual report summarizing the Program expenditures, numbers of recipients, Program effectiveness, the estimated savings to the Medical Assistance Program, additional costs incurred by private insurance companies, and the loss of federal funding.

(b) The Department may periodically survey recipients to gather information for the annual report.

**Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1990, as amended by Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1992,  
and Chapter 147 of the Acts of 1994**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990. It shall remain effective for a period of [6] 12 years and, at the end of June 30, [1998] 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 14, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 76**

**(House Bill 512)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Grounds for Discipline**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to discipline a veterinarian who is disciplined in another state under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and grounds for discipline.