

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for individuals certified by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners before October 1, 2008, to practice massage therapy:

(1) at the time the certificate expires, the Board shall issue a license to replace the certificate in accordance with the renewal requirements under § 3-5A-10 of the Health Occupations Article; and

(2) the individual may continue to practice massage therapy as a certified massage therapist until a license is issued.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 244

(Senate Bill 974)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission – Averted Uncompensated Care – Assessment

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess a certain amount in hospital rates to reflect a certain reduction in hospital uncompensated care and to operate and administer the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring, for the portion of the assessment related to a certain expansion of health care coverage, ~~requiring~~ the Commission to ensure that the assessment amount not exceed certain savings and requiring each hospital to remit its assessment amount to the Health Care Coverage Fund; requiring any savings not subject to the assessment to be shared among certain purchasers; requiring, for the portion of the assessment related to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan, ~~requiring~~ the Commission to ensure the assessment is ~~revenue neutral to each hospital and~~ included in the reasonable costs of each hospital when establishing the hospital's rates, is not considered in making certain determinations, and is not less than a certain percentage of net patient revenue; requiring each hospital to remit certain amounts to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund at certain intervals; prohibiting a certain assessment from exceeding a certain percentage of certain