

(ii) the elimination of Medicaid day limits on hospital services for the period of July 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the State's Medicare waiver under § 1814(b) of the federal Social Security Act terminates or the provisions of 42 C.F.R. 433.68 are changed to prohibit the assessment authorized under this Act, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 245

(House Bill 1587)

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 hospital revenue; providing that funds generated from the assessment may be used only for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to report certain