

(VI) ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT FINANCES THE PROVISION OF OR DELIVERS HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE AREA.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) In conducting a survey under § 2-108(a) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall consider market factors that may be contributing to an identified deficiency in general or specific medical or health care facilities, staff, or services in an area of the State;

(2) In authorizing action to ameliorate an identified deficiency in an area of the State, identified as a result of § 2-108(a) of the Health – General Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the Secretary shall maximize, to the extent feasible, the State's recovery of State health care costs and expenses and reimbursement for State health care services, consistent with Title 16 of the Health – General Article; and

(3) Following the taking or approval of action under § ~~2-108(b)~~ 2-108(c) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Article, the Secretary shall consult with the ~~Maryland State~~ Health Services and Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Health Care Commission, and other appropriate regional and State groups concerning feasible means to encourage the establishment and expansion of private sector health care providers and services for underserved individuals in that area.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to have any impact on the current requirements for any licensing and certification of health care providers and health care facilities, including certificate of need requirements.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.

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## CHAPTER 657

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