

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
Section 568W(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 568W(a) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

568W.

(a) From and after July 1, 1974, [no] A hospital subject to the provisions of this subtitle [shall] MAY NOT change or amend that schedule of rates and charges of the type and class which cannot be changed without prior approval of the Commission, except in accordance with the following procedure:

(1) Any request for a change in rate schedules or other charges must be filed in writing with such supporting data as the hospital seeking the change deems appropriate. Unless the Commission orders otherwise as provided for hereunder, [no] A hospital [shall] MAY NOT establish such changes except after 30 days PRIOR WRITTEN notice to the Commission. Upon receipt of notice, the Commission, IF IT DEEMS NECESSARY, MAY HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE. IN THIS EVENT, A HEARING DATE AND PLACE SHALL BE SET NO LATER THAN 65 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE AND THE COMMISSION may suspend the effective date of any proposed change UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING. HOWEVER, THE REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE MAY NOT EXCEED AN OVERALL PERIOD OF 150 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FILING. In any such case a formal written statement of the reasons for the suspension will be promptly submitted to the hospital. Unless suspended, any proposed change shall go into effect upon the date specified in the application.

(2) [In any case where such action is deemed necessary, the Commission shall promptly institute proceedings as to the reasonableness of the proposal. The suspension may extend for a period of not more than 30 days beyond the date the change would otherwise go into effect; provided, however, that should it be necessary, the Commission may extend the suspension for an additional 30 days. After the expiration of 90 days