

the new rate will go into effect, if the Commission does not approve, disapprove or modify the request by that time.

(3) In any case where the Commission deems it necessary such proposals shall be considered at a public hearing, the time and place of which shall be determined by the Commission.]

The hearing shall be conducted by the Commission at which time evidence for and against the requested change may be introduced by any interested party and witnesses may be heard. The hearing may be conducted without compliance with formal rules of evidence.

[(4)] (3) The Commission may, in its discretion, permit any hospital to make a temporary change in rates which shall be effective immediately upon filing and in advance of any review procedure when it deems it in the public interest to do so. Notwithstanding such temporary change in rates, the review procedures set out herein shall be conducted by the Commission as soon thereafter as is practicable.

[(5)] (4) Every decision and order of the Commission in any contested proceeding shall be in writing and shall state the grounds for the Commission's conclusions. The effects of such orders shall be prospective in nature.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved April 22, 1975.

CHAPTER 388

(Senate Bill 1076)

AN ACT concerning

House of Correction - Sentences By
Justice of the Peace

FOR the purpose of repealing a justice of the peace's authority to send certain persons to the Maryland House of Correction.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,