

Chapter 616

(House Bill 1182)

AN ACT concerning

Certificates of Need – Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Services

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a hospital, notwithstanding any other provision of law, from establishing a non-primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program or providing non-primary PCI services, unless the hospital was operating a PCI program on a certain date through a certain certificate of need or a certain waiver; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, on or before a certain date, to develop and report recommendations for statutory changes relating to PCI services; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to percutaneous coronary intervention and certificates of need.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a hospital may not establish a non-primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program or provide non-primary PCI services unless the hospital was operating a PCI program on January 1, 2011, through:

- (1) a certificate of need for an open heart surgery program; or
- (2) a non-primary waiver in good standing from certificate of need and State Health Plan requirements, issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31, 2011, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

- (1) develop recommendations for statutory changes needed to provide appropriate oversight of PCI services; and
- (2) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.