

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

private group homes to notify the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission at least 60 days or a lesser time under certain circumstances before closing or ceasing operation; providing a certain penalty for failure to provide a certain notice; and generally relating to notice prior to closing or ceasing operation of certain domiciliary care homes, nursing homes, and private group homes.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 10-526  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1989 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-333.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-324.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

10-526.

(A) A PRIVATE GROUP HOME SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE CLOSING OR OTHERWISE CEASING OPERATION.

(B) A PRIVATE GROUP HOME THAT FAILS TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE CLOSING OR CEASING OPERATION MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$250 FOR EACH BED IN THE PRIVATE GROUP HOME.

19-324.1.

(a) Except for a home, related institution, or facility licensed under this subtitle or otherwise licensed, certified, or approved by the Department, a home or related institution that provides domiciliary care for 3 or more unrelated individuals shall register with the Department or the agency designated by the Department:

(1) If any resident of the home or related institution receives public funds