

CHAPTER 518  
(Senate Bill 479)

AN ACT to add new Section 135A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1961 Edition, being Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Worcester County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 135 thereof, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County to establish a Citizens Nursing Home Board of Worcester County, and providing generally for the membership, powers and duties and functions of the Citizens Nursing Home Board, and of the powers and duties of the Board of County Commissioners in relation thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 135A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1961 Edition, being Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Worcester County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 135 thereof, and to read as follows:*

**135A.**

*(a) The Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County may establish a Citizens Nursing Home Board of Worcester County; and if it shall establish such a board, the board shall be constituted and controlled as follows:*

*The Board shall consist of ten members; and the initial members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners, three members to be appointed for three years, three for two years, three for one year. Members shall be chosen from among the residents of the county. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall be a member of the Board ex officio. As the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board for terms of three years or the remainder thereof; and thereafter, these positions shall be so filled.*

*(b) The members of the Board shall serve without compensation.*

*(c) The Board shall establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services necessary for the proper care and treatment of aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the county and shall have the following powers and duties:*

*(1) To accept gifts, legacies, bequests or endowments for purposes of the Board. Unless otherwise specified by the donor making such gift, legacy, bequest or endowment, the Board, in its discretion, may expend both principal and income of any such gift, bequest, legacy or endowment to support the Board's nursing home program;*

*(2) To acquire and hold real and personal property in the name of the County Commissioners by any means, to sell or otherwise dispose of such property so acquired, and to preserve and administer such properties;*