

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 598 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

598.

The State Board of Health is authorized to establish three institutions for persons from the various counties and Baltimore City who require constant medical and nursing care provided by a hospital by reason of chronic illness or infirmity or who are suffering from a chronic disability amenable to rehabilitation.

One of the chronic hospitals shall be located on the Eastern Shore, one in the central part and one in the western part of the State. The cost of erecting, equipping and operating said hospitals (including the cost of acquiring appropriate sites) shall be paid out of appropriations in the budget, or in any bond issue bill making appropriations in the budget, or in any bond issue bill making appropriations for the purpose. In selecting sites and making architectural plans for each institution, provision shall be made for possible expansion and for the later addition of a unit for the treatment of chronic diseases of children. The State Board of Health shall appoint the personnel necessary for the operation of the hospitals, within the limits of the budgetary appropriations.

The State Board of Health shall promulgate policies establishing the type and scope of services rendered, and qualifications and standards for admission and discharge. *The hospitals are permitted to develop and establish out-patient clinics or other hospital-based services* FOR PRE-ADMISSION EVALUATION, POST-DISCHARGE CARE, AND OTHER HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICE.

*The hospitals are authorized to further medical knowledge by maintaining facilities for supporting medical research and in* BY exploring new methods and means of treating those problems peculiar to the chronically ill and disabled persons.

*The hospitals are authorized to conduct such educational and training programs as will assist physicians and ancillary professional, scientific, and other personnel, of the chronic disease hospitals and other treatment facilities, to improve their knowledge and skills, thereby insuring a high standard of patient care.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 661

(House Bill 295)

AN ACT to add new ~~Section 220 to Article 25~~ SECTION 233A TO ARTICLE 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 1967 Replacement Volume), title "~~County Commissioners,~~" "CRIMES