

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Hospitals", said new sections to be known as Sections 496L and 496M to follow immediately after Section 496K of said Article, as said Section was enacted by Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1945, and to read as follows:

496L. The State Board of Health is hereby designated as the sole agency to represent the State of Maryland for the purposes of Part C, Title VI of the Public Health Service Act, as enacted by Public Law 725 of the 79th Congress of the United States, and all amendments thereof and additions thereto, providing grants to States for the construction and reconstruction of hospitals and related facilities. There is hereby conferred upon the State Board of Health the powers necessary for it to comply with the provisions relating to the sole State agency representing the State of Maryland for the purposes stated in Part C of said Public Law 725 and all amendments thereof and additions thereto, and contained in any part of said Title VI of Public Law 725, and all amendments thereof and additions thereto.

496M. The Governor shall appoint eleven persons to an Advisory Council on Hospital Construction to consult with and advise the State Board of Health in its administration of a State plan for the construction and reconstruction of hospital facilities as provided for in said Public Law 725 of the 79th Congress of the United States.

The term of office of the appointed members of the Advisory Council on Hospital Construction shall be three years, but of those first appointed, three shall be appointed for a term of one year, four for a term of two years, and four for a term of three years, and, on the expiration of their respective terms, their successors shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Three members of said Advisory Council on Hospital Construction shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland; four members shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by the Maryland-District of Columbia Hospital Association, at least two of whom shall be physicians; one member shall be a member of the faculty of a graduate school of Public Health in the State of Maryland; and three members shall be representatives of consumers of hospital services selected from among persons familiar with the need for such services in urban and rural areas.