

VETOES

House Bill No. 151

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals and Related Institutions – Psychologists’ Use of Facilities and Staff Privileges

FOR the purpose of requiring certain hospitals and related institutions to provide for use of facilities and staff privileges by licensed psychologists; restricting use of facilities and staff privileges to psychologists meeting certain qualifications set by the hospitals or related institutions; specifying that a hospital is not required to grant admitting privileges to a psychologist or permit the exercise of certain privileges without appropriate collaboration with a certain physician; specifying that the decision of a certain physician shall govern in the event of a disagreement concerning the patient’s treatment; and generally relating to use of facilities and staff privileges in hospitals and related institutions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-351

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

19-351.

(a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (D) of this section, this subtitle does not affect the right of a hospital or related institution to employ OR APPOINT staff.

(b) (1) A hospital or related institution that provides medical or surgical care of the foot, other than incidental care, shall include, in its bylaws, rules, or regulations, provisions for use of facilities by and staff privileges for qualified podiatrists.

(2) The hospital or related institution may restrict use of facilities and staff privileges by podiatrists to those podiatrists who meet the qualifications that the hospital or related institution sets for granting those privileges.

(c) (1) A hospital or related institution shall include in its bylaws, rules, or regulations provisions for use of facilities by and staff privileges for qualified dentists.

(2) The hospital or related institution may restrict use of facilities and staff privileges by dentists to those dentists who meet the qualifications that the hospital or related institution sets for granting those privileges.

(D) (1) A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES OF THE TYPE THAT LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE