(3) DOCUMENTS FILED FOR RECORD BY MEANS OF A FACSIMILE DEVICE ARE SUBJECT TO THE REGULAR FILING FEES AND EXPEDITED FILING FEES PROVIDED IN § 1–203 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 24, 1990.

CHAPTER 132

(House Bill 212)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Law - Group Home Applications

FOR the purpose of altering the type of hearings to be held within a certain period of time after the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene receives applications for a license to operate a private group home; repealing the requirement that the author of a certain report to approve or disapprove a group home application be subject to cross-examination; requiring the author of the report to be available to answer questions; repealing the requirement that the report be admitted into evidence at a certain public hearing; providing that the report may be submitted to a hearing officer the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's designee; and generally relating to group home applications under the Mental Hygiene Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 10 520(d) 10-520(b) and (d) Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

10-520.

- (b) (1) Within 60 days after the application is received, the Secretary shall hold a public INFORMATION hearing on the application.
- (2) The Secretary shall hold the public INFORMATION hearing in the county where the private group home is to be located and as close as possible to the proposed location.
- (d) The written report of the investigation of the application may be [admitted into evidence at the public hearing] SUBMITTED TO THE HEARING OFFICER