

years, or until their successors are appointed, and the said seven Directors, after taking oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County that they will administer the affairs of said hospital truly, justly and to the best of their ability, shall be known as the Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Emergency Hospital.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Emergency Hospital shall have the power to hold title to such lands as may be necessary for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the aforesaid hospital upon the same, and shall be empowered to receive bequests and devises subject to the General Laws of the State of Maryland, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said hospital.

SEC. 5. The said Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Emergency Hospital shall have the power and authority to employ competent persons to draw plans, to build and equip said hospital, to employ and discharge such agents and servants as they shall deem necessary for the maintaining and operating of said Southern Maryland Emergency Hospital, and to pass such rules and regulations as they may see fit for the receiving and discharging of patients, and the amount to be charged for the care of the same, and the operation and government of said hospital.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the sum of Three Thousand Dollars shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State of Maryland out of such funds as may be available in quarterly installments, from the time that the said hospital shall be opened for the reception of patients for the maintenance of said hospital until the next session of the General Assembly of Maryland.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor shall appoint the four Directors heretofore provided for, if in recess of the Legislature, until such time as another Legislature shall meet, when new appointments shall be made by and with the consent of the Senate of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the first of June, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.