

trator shall be entitled to recover the funeral expenses of said testator or intestate, not to exceed, however, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), in addition to any other damages recoverable in such actions; and they shall be liable to be sued in any court of law or equity, in any action (except slander) which might have been maintained against the deceased; and they shall be entitled to and answerable for costs in the same manner as the deceased would have been, and shall be allowed for the same in their accounts, if the court awarding costs against them shall certify that there were probable grounds for instituting, prosecuting or defending the action on which a judgment or decree shall have been given against them; provided, however, that any such action for injuries to the person to be maintainable against an executor or administrator must be commenced within six calendar months after the death of the testator or intestate.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

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## CHAPTER 509

(House Bill 44)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries", said new section to be known as Section 528A and to follow immediately after Section 528 of said Article, relating to the payments to be made on account of patients in chronic hospitals and infirmaries and to the collection thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries", said new section to be known as Section 528A, to follow immediately after Section 528 of said Article, and to read as follows:

528A. (a). For the purpose of determining the eligibility of any person for admission to any chronic hospital and infirmary established under the provisions of this sub-title, it shall be the duty of the County Welfare Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, as the case may be, to