

the hospital should start operating as a locally-controlled facility as of July 1, 1960; ~~now, therefore~~ AND

WHEREAS, IT IS NOW CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO ALLOW THE SAME LEVEL OF BASIC STATE SUPPORT FOR THE 1961 FISCAL YEAR AS IS PROVIDED FOR THE 1960 FISCAL YEAR IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO ORGANIZE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOSPITAL; NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~as of July 1, 1960,~~ the Board of Public Works is authorized to transfer without consideration therefor Miners' Hospital, including all property thereof, real, personal or mixed whether in possession or expectancy, and all liabilities, to the County Commissioners of Allegany County, or to a local municipal corporation or to a responsible non-profit corporation which undertakes to continue operation of the hospital.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That no general funds shall be included in the budget request submitted to the General Assembly as a direct appropriation to the Miners' Hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961; but the 1961 fiscal year general fund appropriation request shall include an item for payment to Miners' Hospital of State aid for the In-Patient and Out-Patient Programs; provided that if the amount included in such budget request for the 1961 fiscal year be less than an amount equal to 25 50 per centum of the general fund appropriation to Miners' Hospital for the 1958 fiscal year, the budget request for the State Department of Health for the 1961 fiscal year shall include an item for a payment to Miners' Hospital equal to the amount by which 25 50 per centum of the 1958 fiscal year appropriation to Miners' Hospital exceeds the amount requested for State aid under the hospital In-Patient and Out-Patient Programs.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair or change in any particular the merit system status of employees of Miners' Hospital, so long as they remain employees of the State of Maryland, under the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System", and also under the provisions of Article 73B of said Code, title "Pensions". All rights and privileges belonging to any said employees under Articles 64A and 73B shall be retained by them so long as they hold their status as State employees in active employment.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 8, 1959.

CHAPTER 476

(House Bill 537)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9(32) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.