

CHAPTER 857

(House Bill 547)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 46, 58 and 61 (e) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", sub-title "County Commissioners", sub-headings "Physician's Memorial Hospital" and "Miscellaneous Appropriations", and to enact a new Section 46, to stand in the place of the Section 46 repealed, to repeal obsolete and conflicting provisions authorizing appropriations to a hospital in Charles County and for a resident physician thereof, and to authorize the County Commissioners to operate and maintain hospitals in the county directly or by agreement with non-profit organizations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 46, 58 and 61 (e) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", sub-title "County Commissioners", sub-headings "Physician's Memorial Hospital" and "Miscellaneous Appropriations", be and they are hereby repealed, and new Section 46 be and it is hereby enacted to stand in the place of the Section 46 repealed, and to read as follows:

46.

(a) *The County Commissioners of Charles County are authorized to construct, maintain and operate a hospital or hospitals in said County. The operation and control may be exercised through a Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioners and the said Commissioners may appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the proper operation of said hospital facilities.*

(b) *In lieu of the operation of a hospital as provided above, the County Commissioners may enter into an agreement with any non-profit organization whereby the operation of said hospital will be delegated to said non-profit organization, using the buildings and premises of the County Commissioners under such terms and conditions as the parties may agree upon; and the County Commissioners shall appropriate annually to the operating organization the sum of \$8,500. and such other sums as the County Commissioners may deem necessary.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 858

(House Bill 559)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 54 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland),