

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

Approved March 28, 1961.

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CHAPTER 234

(House Bill 15)

AN ACT to repeal Section 600 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 599, 601 and 602 of said Article and sub-title, revising the provisions for the investigation of the financial condition of the patient and of the patient's family for patients in the several chronic hospitals in this State, relating to the collection of such fees and charges from the patient and his family, repealing a duplicating provision concerning the cost of per diem care and relating generally to ADMISSIONS TO AND TO the charges and collections for patients in the several chronic hospitals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 600 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries", be repealed, and that Sections 599, 601 and 602 of said Article and sub-title, be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

599.

ADMISSION TO THE CHRONIC HOSPITALS SHALL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF A STATEMENT BY A PHYSICIAN WHO, AFTER AN EXAMINATION, FINDS THAT THE PATIENT IS IN NEED OF CHRONIC HOSPITAL CARE, AND THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION BY THE CHRONIC HOSPITAL. NO PATIENT SHALL BE ADMITTED WHO HAS TUBERCULOSIS IN A FORM REQUIRING TREATMENT IN A TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, MENTAL DISEASE OF THE TYPE REQUIRING CARE IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL, OR AN ORTHOPEDIC DISEASE FOR WHICH MEDICAL TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PATIENT IN A SPECIAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL.

PATIENTS MAY BE ADMITTED WHO CAN PAY PART OR ALL OF THE COSTS OF THEIR CARE ONLY WHEN THE SPECIAL FACILITIES REQUIRED BY THEIR CONDITIONS ARE NOT OTHERWISE OBTAINABLE ELSEWHERE IN MARYLAND.

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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.