

HEALTH TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS USED AS NURSING, CONVALESCENT OR CARE HOMES, TO REQUIRE APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF SUCH HOSPITALS, TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTION OF SUCH HOSPITALS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR OPERATION IN VIOLATION OF MINIMUM STANDARDS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 565B be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Hospitals", to follow immediately THAT SECTION 565A OF ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1960 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "HEALTH", SUB-TITLE "HOSPITALS", BE AND IT IS HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, AND THAT NEW SECTION 565B BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO THE SAID ARTICLE AND SUB-TITLE OF THE CODE TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY after Section 565A thereof, and to read as follows:*

565A.

ANY PERSON MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A HOSPITAL USED AS A NURSING, CONVALESCENT OR CARE HOME IN VIOLATION OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH COVERING SAFETY AND SANITATION IN PHYSICAL PLANT, THERAPEUTIC AND LABORATORY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT OF SUCH HOSPITALS AND WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE AND NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE. EACH DAY SUCH HOSPITAL SHALL OPERATE AFTER A FIRST CONVICTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

565B.

(a) The State Board of Health shall cause each hospital used as a nursing, convalescent and OR care home in the State of Maryland to be periodically inspected under rules and regulations to be established by said Board of Health, as hereinafter provided. Any organization desiring to construct a hospital as defined herein or make alterations or additions to such an existing hospital or changes in the facilities must, before constructing such hospital or making such change, alteration or addition, obtain from the State Board of Health approval of the same. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as in any way superseding the provisions of any local building code now in existence, or hereafter enacted. The State Board of Health shall investigate the change, alteration or addition so contemplated to be made and as soon thereafter as reasonably practical shall notify the organization that said change, alteration or addition is approved or disapproved with such recommendations as the State Board of Health shall make.