

CHAPTER 866

(House Bill 20)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 565A, 566(a), and 567 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals," to revise various provisions of the laws relating to the powers of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene over hospitals and related institutions in the State, and relating also to the Advisory Board on Hospital Licensing and the Advisory Board on Hospital Construction.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 565A, 566(a), and 567 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

556.

¶The following terms used in this subtitle are hereby defined as follows:

"Hospital" as herein used means any institution which maintains and operates facilities for the care and/or treatment of two (2) or more nonrelated persons as patients suffering mental or physical ailments, but shall not be construed to include any dispensary or first-aid treatment facilities maintained by any commercial or industrial plant, educational institution or convent; or any county home or almshouse.

"Person" shall include any person, partnership, association or corporation or any State, county or local governmental unit and any division, board or agency thereof.¶

(a) *The jurisdiction of this law includes all "Hospitals" and "Related Institutions" to which are admitted or retained in residence for overnight care two (2) or more nonrelated individuals needing medical, nursing, personal, or domiciliary care as described and classified in this section except that in the case of homes offering domiciliary care only, the jurisdiction begins with homes having four or more nonrelated individuals but this law shall not be construed to include any dispensary or first-aid treatment facilities maintained solely for and limited to services for employees or students of any commercial or industrial plant, educational institution, or convent, county home or almshouse, motels, hotels, apartments and facilities maintaining services for persons capable of independent living.*

(b) *"Hospital" as herein used is defined as any institution which falls within the jurisdiction of this subtitle and maintains and operates facilities for the provision of diagnostic and treatment services for two (2) or more nonrelated patients under the supervision of physicians who are members of an organized medical staff of not less than (5) legally, ethically and professionally qualified physicians.*