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The [State] Board [of Health] is hereby authorized to issue licenses *regardless of type of ownership* to open, maintain and operate hospitals [which] *or related institutions when the facilities of the hospital or the related institution, after inspection, are found to comply with the provisions of this subtitle and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder* HEREUNDER by the [State] Board [of Health]. No license granted [hereunder] shall be assignable or transferrable. [A license issued to any hospital may be revoked by the Board, for violation of the provisions of this subtitle or of any rule or regulation validly adopted hereunder, provided the licensee shall have had an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing before the Board, with not less than ten days' notice thereof, and at said hearing he shall have the opportunity to be represented by counsel.] *The Board may, FOR CAUSE SHOWN, revoke any license issued by it to a hospital or related institution after giving the licensee a hearing prior to revocation. The hearing shall be held after ten days' notice to the licensee, and he shall have an opportunity to be represented by counsel at the hearing.*

561.

(a) The [State] Board [of Health] shall cause each hospital *and related institution* in the State of Maryland to be periodically inspected [under] *for compliance with the rules and regulations [to be] established by [said] the Board [of Health], as hereinafter provided.*

[Any hospital desiring to make any alteration or addition to its buildings and plant or any change in any of its facilities may, before making such change, alteration or addition, request the State Board of Health to approve the same, provided, however, that nothing contained in this subtitle shall be construed as in any way superseding the provisions of any local building code now in existence or hereafter enacted. Thereupon, 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 licensee that said change, alteration or addition is approved or disapproved with such recommendations as said State Board of Health shall care to make.]

(b) *No new hospital or related institution shall be established and no hospital or related institution shall make any conversion, alteration, or addition to its existing building or plant affecting its functional structure or normal bed capacity without the prior approval of plans and specifications by the Board. The Board's approval of plans and specifications shall be granted if it finds that the hospital or related institution meets the minimum standards set forth in the regulations adopted by the Board under Section 562.*

(c) *Applications for approval under subsection (b) above shall be made in writing and accompanied by the documents, drawings or other information specified by the Board.*

(d) *The Board shall promptly review the application and supporting documents and investigate the proposed new facility, or conversion, alteration or addition to be made or constructed for conformity with applicable regulations and shall within thirty (30) days notify the applicant of approval or disapproval. In case of dis-*