

Bay Affairs are hereby authorized and directed to select such amount of oysters from any pile, hold, bin, house or place as they think proper and to require the same to be culled and disposed of, as provided in subsection (a) of this section; and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties and fines as provided in Section 717 in precisely the same manner as if he were a captain or master of a boat; and it shall be unlawful for any person to transport, or attempt to transport, outside of this State, for any purpose whatsoever, unmerchantable oysters as declared herein whether the unmerchantable oysters be taken from or caught on the natural beds or bars of this State, or from private beds and lots in this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

CHAPTER 673

(House Bill 566)

AN ACT to add new Section 556A to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 556 thereof, abolishing the defense of charitable immunity of hospitals and related institutions, with exceptions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 556A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 556 thereof, and to read as follows:

556A.

No hospital or related institution as defined in this subtitle shall be immune from liability for negligence or any other tort on the grounds that it is a charitable institution; provided, however, that a hospital or related institution which is a charitable institution and which is insured against such liability in an amount not less than \$100,000 shall not be liable for damages in excess of the limits of such insurance.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall apply to claims for acts of negligence or other torts occurring before June 1, 1966.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.
