

thereof, as the circumstances may justify[.]; *except with respect to those patients who have been or shall remain in such hospital for a period in excess of thirty (30) months under any one admission, the rate chargeable to the family of the patient shall thereafter not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the per capita cost.* In arriving at the amount to be paid, the collection unit shall have due regard for the financial means or abilities of the patient, or the person or persons legally responsible for the patient's maintenance and support, and whenever deemed necessary, may agree to accept a periodic sum for the patient's maintenance less than the per capita cost. Upon failure of a patient or other legally responsible person to make payment or enter into an agreement to make payment, the collection unit shall notify the Attorney General and he shall institute proceedings on behalf of the unit for collection thereof with authority to make adjustment or settlements of said claims as he feels to be in the best interest of the State.

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

Approved March 23, 1966.

CHAPTER 14

(Senate Bill 27)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 609 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Physical Therapy", amending the laws concerning the revocation or suspension of the licenses of physical therapists in order to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 609 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Physical Therapy", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) Before revoking or suspending any license, the Board shall furnish a copy of the complaint and charges to the person charged, and afford that person an opportunity for a hearing before the Board, in person or by his attorney. The Board's action shall be made in writing, giving the reasons for its action, and a copy shall be delivered or mailed to the person charged. Within sixty days after receipt of notice [or] of revocation or suspension the person charged may appeal the action of the Board to the circuit court of the county or the Baltimore City court where the person resides. Either party to the appeal has a further right to appeal to the Court of Appeals from the decision of the court on appeal from the Board.

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

Approved March 23, 1966.