

CHAPTER 5

(House Bill 288)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 572A (d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Nursing Home," as said section and subtitle were enacted by Chapter 5 of the Acts of the Special Session of March 11, 1964, amending the laws concerning the Nursing Home Board of Allegany County in order to give to the Board a power to borrow money for the general purposes of the Board and providing for the use and repayment of such funds.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 572A (d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Nursing Home," as said section and subtitle were enacted by Chapter 5 of the Acts of the Special Session of March 11, 1964, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

572A.

(d) The Board shall establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and service necessary for the proper care and treatment of aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the county and shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To accept gifts, legacies, bequests or endowments for purposes of the Board. Unless otherwise specified by the donor making such gift, legacy, bequest or endowment, the Board, in its discretion, may expend both principal and income of any such gift, bequest, legacy or endowment to support the Board's program;

(2) To acquire and hold real and personal property by any means, including land, other than land being used as a cemetery or burial ground, which the County Commissioners may decide and are hereby authorized to convey to the Board, and to preserve and administer such properties;

(3) To provide adequate facilities and services for the care and treatment of the aged, convalescent, and chronically ill citizens of the county. These facilities and services may include physical care, medical, nursing, recreational, rehabilitative, special education, and other similar activities, and, in addition, dissemination of information relative to causes and prevention of chronic and debilitating illnesses;

(4) To charge such fees for admission to and maintenance in such facilities and for use of such services as may support the facilities and services subject, however, to the provision that where aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the county are in need of such facilities and services and are unable to pay the full cost of such care, then the charges to such residents shall be in direct proportion to their ability to pay for the services, and in determining the ability to pay for services, the Board's decision shall be final;

(5) To apply all monies, assets, property or other things of value it may receive to the general purposes of the Board;