

CHAPTER 688

(Senate Bill 486)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 42 (a) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," to provide that the State Board of Health may also contract with optometrists ~~for eye refractions~~ and other health practitioners duly licensed or certified in this State who perform services for indigent or medically indigent persons on the prescription or referral of a physician.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 42(a) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

42.

(a) The State Board of Health shall (1) administer a program of *comprehensive* medical AND OTHER care in the State of Maryland for indigent and medically indigent persons, or either of such classes; for this purpose the Board of Health is hereby authorized to contract with physicians, dentists, *optometrists* (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 372 OF THIS ARTICLE), pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses; and ~~persons~~ other *health practitioners duly licensed or certified in this State* who perform services upon the prescription or referral of a physician for the ~~medical, dental, surgical and hospital~~ treatment of eligible persons; within the provisions of the budget the said Board is hereby authorized to provide bedside nursing care for eligible persons. (2) The Board of Health shall conduct and operate such hospitals as may be established by law and placed under the jurisdiction of the said Board of Health for the care of persons suffering from chronic diseases.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~June~~ JULY 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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(Senate Bill 494)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5 (b) 1, 2, & 3 of Chapter 561 of the Laws of Maryland 1966, and to add a new subsection 5 (b) 4 to Chapter 561 of the Laws of Maryland 1966, to follow immediately after subsection 5 (b) 3 thereof, to clarify the schedule for processing of applications and petitions, to specify that the term "Federal Funds" concerned is only those funds provided from the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and to add a new provision that such federal funds as are received as a result of the implementation of the Clean Waters Restoration