

rules and regulations for licensing and must give assurances [to the Commission] of its ability to provide general hospital services.

568D.

Procedural details in studying adequacy of hospital facilities.—

In studying and considering the adequacy of hospital facilities for the State of Maryland and for particular areas herein, these procedural details shall be followed :

Each hospital which applies for a loan under the provisions of this subheading shall submit complete data describing the facilities for which application is made, the need for these facilities, and the potential area to be served by them. Such information then shall be considered by the [Commission] *Department* in relation to the relevant facilities and plans of other hospitals in the State and in that particular area.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 710
(House Bill 705)

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 1967 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," to correct an error in the name of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene appearing in this section, to authorize the Board to contract with opticians and others for certain services, and relating generally to the administration of the State program of comprehensive medical and other care for indigent and medically indigent persons.

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(1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Health" subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 *and Mental Hygiene* 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 *and Mental Hygiene* is hereby authorized to contract with physicians, dentists, optometrists (as defined in Section 372 of this article), pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, *opticians*; and other ~~persons~~ **APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE** [~~health practitioners duly licensed or certified~~