

PREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY, *which may be an inter-departmental agency, as the sole agency for administering or supervising the administration of the State's health planning functions;*

(2) *Appoint a State Health Planning Council, which shall include representatives of State and local agencies and non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with health, to advise the ~~single State agency~~ STATE'S COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY in carrying out its functions. A majority of the membership of such Council shall consist of representatives of consumers of health services.*

(c) *The ~~single State agency~~ STATE'S COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY shall (1) set forth policies and procedures which are designed to provide for comprehensive State planning for health services (public and private), including the facilities and persons required for the provision of such services, to meet the health needs of the people of the State; and (2) encourage cooperative efforts among governmental or non-governmental HEALTH, education, welfare, and rehabilitation agencies, organizations, and groups concerned with OR AFFECTING health services, facilities, or manpower.*

(d) *The ~~single State agency~~ STATE'S COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY may accept such Federal and other funds as may be available to carry out the purposes of this section.*

(e) *The Governor may direct any State officer or agency to cooperate with the ~~single State agency~~ STATE'S COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY in carrying out such functions as are necessary to further the purposes of this section.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 222

(House Bill 274)

AN ACT to add a new Section 559(a-1) to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 559(a) thereof, providing that a license to open or continue a NEWLY CREATED hospital or NON-PROFIT related institution shall not be issued unless it conforms to or is not inconsistent with the comprehensive health plan for the particular area, all as more especially described herein, AND ALLOWING FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN PRACTICES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section 559(a-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 43*