

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.*

Approved May 2, 1969.

CHAPTER 455
(Senate Bill 540)

AN ACT to add new Section 354A to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1968 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle ~~"Insurance Contracts Generally,"~~ "NON-PROFIT HEALTH SERVICES PLANS," to follow immediately after Section 354 thereof and to add new Section 470B to Article 48A of the same Code, title "Insurance Code," subtitle ~~"Government Health Institutions,"~~ "HEALTH INSURANCE," to follow immediately after Section 470A thereof, to prohibit the exclusion of tax supported hospitals or other institutions from coverage under sickness and accident insurance policies or certificates issued in the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 354A be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1968 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle ~~"Insurance Contracts Generally,"~~ "NON-PROFIT HEALTH SERVICES PLANS," to follow immediately after Section 354 thereof, and that new Section 470B be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the same Code, title "Insurance Code," subtitle ~~"Government Health Institutions,"~~ "HEALTH INSURANCE," to follow immediately after Section 470A thereof, and to read as follows:*

354A.

No certificate or policy of sickness and accident insurance delivered or issued for a deliverance after ~~the effective date of this Act~~ JULY 1, 1969 to any person in this State, including both individual certificates or policies and group certificates or policies, which provide coverage for tuberculosis or mental illness or any other illness, shall exclude payments or benefits for treatment of such patients treated in hospitals or other institutions of the State of Maryland or any county or municipality thereof, whether such hospitals or other institutions be deemed charitable or otherwise.

470B.

No certificate or policy of sickness and accident insurance delivered or issued for a deliverance after ~~the effective date of this Act~~ JULY 1, 1969 to any person in this State, including both individual certificates or policies and group certificates or policies, which provide coverage for tuberculosis or mental illness or any other illness, shall exclude payments or benefits for treatment of such patients treated in hospitals or other institutions of the State of Maryland or any county or municipality thereof, whether such hospitals or other institutions be deemed charitable or otherwise.