

and sale thereof; said bonds shall be signed by the President of the County Commissioners and by the Treasurer of Garrett County, and the seal of said County shall be affixed thereto. Said bonds may be made registrable as to principal.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 244
(House Bill 6)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 599 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries," to eliminate the restriction of tubercular PATIENTS and orthopedic patients; to establish the requirements for out-of-State patients; to provide for discharge procedure; to authorize the transfer of patients financed by the State; to authorize the superintendent to apply for local, State or Federal programs when patient refuses to apply and to generally amend the admission and discharge procedure in certain hospitals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 599 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

599.

Admission to the chronic hospitals shall be made on the basis of a statement by a physician who, after an examination, finds that the patient is in need of chronic hospital care, and the review and approval of the application by the chronic hospital. No patient shall be admitted who has [tuberculosis in a form requiring treatment in a tuberculosis hospital,] mental disease of the type requiring care in a mental hospital †, or an orthopedic disease for which medical treatment is available to the patient in a special orthopedic hospital‡.

Patients may be admitted who can pay part or all of the costs of their care, †only when the special facilities required by their conditions are not otherwise obtainable elsewhere in Maryland.‡

The hospitals shall be primarily and principally conducted for legal residents of Maryland. Out-of-State patients may be served in the chronic disease hospitals provided that they are admitted and discharged in accord with specific regional health programs or spe-