

*cific demonstration or study projects which have been approved by the State Department of Health; and provided that the full cost of services to the patients is reimbursed to the State.*

*If, in the opinion of the medical staff of the hospital, any patient should be discharged who has received maximum hospital benefit at that institution, he shall be discharged upon a written order by a medical staff member.*

*If, upon discharge, the patient refuses or fails to leave the hospital after being directed by competent authority, the superintendent may take all necessary legal steps to effect discharge, under an adequate plan for treatment and care.*

*In the case of patients where the State is financing all or any part of hospital costs, transfer to another facility approved under existing Federal Programs is authorized. If the patient refuses to apply for assistance from any applicable State or Federal or local program, the superintendent of the hospital, or a designated representative, may complete the necessary forms and effect transfer of the patient to another facility.*

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

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 245

(House Bill 14)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 27-4(a), 27-5(b)(1), (c), 27-6(a), 27-7(c)(2), and 27-8(c) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), and to repeal Section 27-4(b) of the same Article, title "Election Code," subtitle "Absentee Voting," generally amending the law concerning absentee voting.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 27-4(a), 27-5(b)(1), (c), 27-6(a), 27-7(c)(2), and 27-8(c) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Section 27-4(b) of the same Article be and it is hereby repealed, and all to read as follows:*

27-4.

(a) A qualified voter desiring to vote at any election as an absentee voter shall make application in writing to the board for an absentee ballot, which application must be received not later than ten (10) days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which shall set forth the following information *upon penalty of perjury*:

(1) The voter's name and residence address, including the street and number, if any, or rural route, if any;