

CHAPTER 256

(Senate Bill 642)

AN ACT to add new Sections 755-766, inclusive, to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Health," to add a new subtitle "Greater Laurel Hospital Authority," creating said Authority, providing for the appointment of a board of directors to govern the Authority so created, outlining the duties and powers of the Authority and its board of directors, authorizing the board to accept certain gifts and grants, and to issue revenue bonds under certain conditions, to provide for the employment of certain personnel, the establishment of a merit system for employees and the establishment for the benefit of said employees of a retirement or pension plan, providing for certain fiscal responsibilities and processes for the Authority, providing for the severability of the provisions of this Act, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 755-766, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Health," creating a new subtitle "Greater Laurel Hospital Authority," and to read as follows:

755.

Hospital Authority Created

There is hereby created a Greater Laurel Hospital Authority. Such Authority shall have the power and authority to construct and operate or to contract for the construction or operation of a comprehensive public health facility or facilities including a full service public hospital in the general vicinity of the City of Laurel.

756.

Board of Directors

(a) The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of twelve members who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Three members of the board of directors shall be appointed from each of the counties of Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's.

(b) At least one member of the board of directors from each county shall be a certified member of the medical profession.

(c) On or before August 1, 1970, the Governor shall appoint one member of the board of directors from each county to serve A TERM OF ONE YEAR, ONE MEMBER FROM EACH COUNTY TO SERVE a term of two years and one member FROM EACH COUNTY to serve a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to the board of directors shall be for a term of three years each and shall be made annually on or before the first day of August.

(d) Persons appointed to the board of directors shall be residents of the general area to be served by the Authority and shall serve without compensation.