

(2) "Nursing Home Administrator" means a person who administers, manages, supervises, or is in general administrative charge of a nursing home, whether or not he has an ownership interest in the home, and whether or not his functions and duties are shared with one or more individuals.

(3) "Nursing Home" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 556(e)(1) of this Article (1965 Replacement Volume, as amended), as more fully set forth in the rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene consistent with this Article.

(4) "Person" means any company, corporation, association, or individual.

756. *Administrator License Required.*

Ninety days after the effective date of this subtitle, no nursing home in the State may operate as such unless it is under the supervision of an administrator who holds a currently valid nursing home administrator's license and registration, or temporary license, issued pursuant to this subtitle. No person shall practice or offer to practice nursing home administration in this State or use any title, sign, card or device to indicate that he is a nursing home administrator, unless he is duly licensed and registered as a nursing home administrator or licensed as a temporary nursing home administrator as required by this subtitle.

757. *Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators.*

(a) *Creation of Board.* There is hereby created the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, which shall consist of nine (9) members. The Board shall be part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and make reports directly to the Secretary of that Department at the times he prescribes. The Board shall be appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene from a list of nominees selected by the Secretary after consultation with the associations and societies appropriate to the disciplines and professions representative of the vacancies to be filled, and it shall consist of the following members:

(1) Four (4) members actively engaged in the management and operation of either a proprietary or non-profit nursing home or homes as Administrator with five years' experience in such operation, who are licensed, or in the case of initial appointments are eligible for licensure under this subtitle;

(2) Four (4) members, other than nursing home administrators, who are actively engaged in professions concerned with the care of the chronically ill or of infirm or aged patients; and

(3) One (1) member from the general public who is not engaged in the management, ownership, operation, or supervision of any nursing home or hospital.

No more than two members of the Board shall be officials or full time employees of State or local governments. All members of the Board shall be citizens of the United States or have declared their