

CHAPTER 342

(House Bill 433)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 98A(f) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," to provide that the chief judge of the People's Court for Prince George's County shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, with the advice and consent of the Senate and providing for an interim chief judge.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 98A(f) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System" be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

98A.

(f) **【**The full-time judge of the People's Court for Prince George's County having the greatest continuous seniority as a full-time People's Court judge shall automatically become the**】** *The chief judge of the People's Court for Prince George's County shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland with the advice and consent of the Senate, and he shall be the chief administrative officer over the other judges, both full-time and substitute, as well as all court personnel of the People's Court. Until such time as said appointment is made, the full-time judge of the People's Court having the greatest continuous seniority shall remain as the chief judge.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

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CHAPTER 343

(House Bill 480)

AN ACT to add new Section 556B to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 556A thereof, to provide that hospitals as defined within this Article, with certain exceptions, be required to furnish and present UPON DEMAND an itemized bill or accounting for charges made and to provide that the hospital shall not be entitled to demand or receive FINAL payment thereof until an itemized bill or accounting for charges is presented to the patient.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 556B be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of