

sion (1) of this subsection, or that any person has not paid any cost directed to be paid pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, he may declare that such person has engaged in an unlawful practice. Thereafter any such practice shall qualify as an unlawful practice under Section 21 of this article, and shall thereafter be subject to Sections 22 and 22A of this article, including the penalties prescribed therein. EXCEPT THAT THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1972.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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CHAPTER 438

(Senate Bill 208)

AN ACT to add new Section 566A to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 566 thereof, to enable any county to establish a Citizens Nursing Home Board and to provide for the constitution, control, compensation, powers and duties, meetings, and financing thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 566A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 566 thereof, and to read as follows:

566A.

*The board of county commissioners or county council of every county in this State may establish a Citizens Nursing Home Board.*

(a) *The Board shall consist of ten members; and the initial members shall be appointed by the county commissioners or county council; three members to be appointed for three years, three for two years, three for one year. Members shall be chosen from among the residents of the county. One member of the Board of county commissioners or county council shall be a member of the Board, ex-officio, as chosen by the board of county commissioners or county council from time to time. As the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be elected by a majority vote or quorum of the Board for terms of three years or the remainder thereof; and hereafter, these positions shall be so filled.*

(b) *The members of the Board shall serve without compensation.*

(c) *The Board shall establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services*