

who rely upon treatment by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the creed or tenets of any recognized church or religious denomination. Except that the provisions of this subsection shall apply in Prince George's County after April 1, 1970, and providing further that the Prince George's ~~County health planning advisory committee shall be deemed the interim regional health facilities planning agency for Prince George's County pending designation of a permanent planning agency for any region that shall include Prince George's County.~~ *Area Health Planning Advisory Committee shall be deemed the Area Regional Health Facilities Planning Agency.*

(b) Each application for a license to operate a hospital or related institution shall be accompanied by a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). All licenses issued hereunder shall ~~expire one year from date of issuance unless revoked~~ *be issued for a term not to exceed one year and shall be provisional in nature pursuant to rules and regulations as promulgated by the Secretary.* No fee shall be refunded and all fees received by the ~~Board~~ *Secretary* under the provisions of this subtitle shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the ~~Board~~ *Secretary* for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.

(C) REVIEW OF APPLICATION FILED UNDER THIS SECTION BY AN AREA WIDE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY FOR CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION SHALL CONSUME NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION REGISTRATION FOR SUCH REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

(D) PROPRIETARY RELATED INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTING A NEW FACILITY OR MODIFYING AN EXISTING FACILITY WHOSE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR THEREFROM ARE ON RECORD ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 1972 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 379

(Senate Bill 26)

AN ACT to add new Section 231A to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1968 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement~~ 1972 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), title "Licenses," subtitle