

the Secretary by contract to provide medical or health care personnel and facilities for such deficient areas; and to authorize that medical or health care facilities be provided by the State and local government capital budget.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 1F of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Department of Health and Mental Hygiene," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1F.

The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene are as follows:

a. To establish general policy for the environmental, physical and mental health services of the State and its subdivisions.

b. To fully discharge the powers conferred upon him by the provisions of this article or other provisions of this Code.

c. To give general supervision to the administration of the health laws of Maryland and each county and city thereof.

d. To formulate and promulgate, with and on the advice of the commissioners of health and mental hygiene, rules, regulations, and standards for the purpose of promoting and guiding the development of the environmental, physical and mental hygiene services of the State and its subdivisions. To enforce rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

e. To establish policy for the operations of the departments of health and mental hygiene to the degree necessary to discharge their responsibilities, and by regulation or written directive to assign and reassign functions, staff, funds, responsibilities, duties, powers, and obligations with the advice of the commissioners of health and mental hygiene, from the Department of Health to the Department of Mental Hygiene, or from the Department of Mental Hygiene to the Department of Health, or from either of said departments to the office of the Secretary, or from the office of the Secretary to either of said departments.

F. UPON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, OR UPON THE REQUEST OF A LOCAL COMMUNITY OR VOLUNTARY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO SURVEY AND IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITH SUBSTANTIAL DEFICIENCIES IN GENERAL MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OR SERVICES.

G. TO GIVE ASSISTANCE, AID AND COUNSEL TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND VOLUNTARY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL FOR THOSE AREAS OF THE STATE WITH A SUBSTANTIAL DEFICIENCY IN MEDICAL FACILITIES OR SERVICES. IN COOPERATING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, THE SECRETARY SHALL SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF APPROPRIATE COUNTY AND STATE (MEDICAL SOCIETIES) GROUPS.

H. IN THE EVENT OF THE FAILURE OF A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY AND BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND A LOCAL COMMUNITY OR VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OR TO RECRUIT MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE