

any person for assistance under any other State Law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 792

(House Bill 1594)

AN ACT concerning

High Blood Pressure Commission

FOR the purpose of creating a High Blood Pressure Commission; providing for the appointment of a certain number of persons to the Commission for a fixed term; providing for certain personnel of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish certain guidelines and educational programs; requiring the Commission to evaluate the high blood pressure program on an annual basis and report to the Governor; providing for certain funds to implement the high blood pressure program; and generally relating to the creation of a High Blood Pressure Commission.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health

Section 871 through 874, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "High Blood Pressure Commission"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, High blood pressure affects at least 400,000 citizens in Maryland with less than 15 percent of these being adequately treated. Inadequately treated or untreated high blood pressure, and its complications, continues to be the leading factor in the death of 16,000 Marylanders annually; yet, the present state of the medical art allows control in most persons with high blood pressure. Until very recently, the primary objective of the National High Blood Pressure Education Program has been to increase the public's awareness of the disease. While awareness continues to be the first