

shall be preferred. [All employees appointed under the provisions of this subsection are employees of the Commission and not of the State, and shall not receive any compensation and benefits of any kind from the State.]

57.

[(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Veterans' Home Commission shall not receive any State appropriations.

(b)] ~~As a condition of admission to the home, any veterans seeking to reside at the home shall pay over to the home any sums received from the federal government as pension, disability payments, and similar amounts, and including social security payments in order to defray part of the cost of the veteran's maintenance. However, each veteran shall be permitted always to retain for his own use not more than \$75 a month from any amounts received by the veteran.~~ THE COMMISSION MAY CHARGE A RESIDENT OF THE HOME A REASONABLE RESIDENCE FEE. ANY FEE WHICH IS CHARGED SHALL BE BASED ON THE RESIDENT'S ABILITY TO PAY THE FEE. HOWEVER, A RESIDENCE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED THE HOME'S ACTUAL COST OF MAINTAINING THE RESIDENT AND ANY FEE WHICH IS CHARGED MUST LEAVE THE RESIDENT WITH SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR HIS OWN NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

59.

THE STATE HAS NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EITHER CAPITAL OR OPERATING FUNDS, BUT MAY PROVIDE FOR FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET OR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION. The Commission may receive, manage, expend, and dispose of grants, moneys, and properties from the federal government, STATE GOVERNMENT or the political subdivisions of the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 881

(Senate Bill 282)

AN ACT concerning

State Leasing - Notice to Local Government

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General