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(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly and the purpose of this section to promote the interests and well-being of the patients and residents of skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities. It is declared to be the public policy of this State that the interests of the patient be protected by a declaration of a patient's bill of rights and by requiring that the facilities treat their patients in accordance with the provisions of this bill of rights, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(18) A patient or resident may not be transferred or discharged from a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility except for medical reasons, the patient's own or other patient's welfare, or nonpayment for the stay. If such cause is reasonably believed to exist, the patient or resident AND THE GUARDIAN OR NEXT OF KIN OF THE PATIENT OR RESIDENT shall be given at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the proposed action together with the reasons for the decision and an opportunity for an impartial hearing to challenge such action if the patient so wishes. In emergencies such notice need not be [give] GIVEN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

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CHAPTER 319

(House Bill 175)

AN ACT concerning

Mosquito Control - Funds Corrective Bill

FOR the purpose of deleting a restriction in the provisions relating to funds available to the Secretary of Agriculture for mosquito control an incorrect cross-reference in the laws relating to mosquito control .

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture  
Section 5-405(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF