

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section (s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

560A.

(A) IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT A LIFE THREATENING HEALTH OR FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCY EXISTS IN A RELATED INSTITUTION, HE IMMEDIATELY MAY RESTRICT NEW ADMISSIONS FOR NOT MORE THAN A 30-DAY PERIOD.

(B) WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER A REQUEST BY AN AGGRIEVED PARTY, A HEARING SHALL BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ADMISSIONS RESTRICTION.

(C) WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ADMISSIONS RESTRICTION, THE RELATED INSTITUTION SHALL TAKE STEPS TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCY.

(D) (1) UNLESS THE SECRETARY LIFTS THE ADMISSIONS RESTRICTION, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL ADMISSIONS RESTRICTION, A HEARING SHALL BE HELD TO DETERMINE IF SUFFICIENT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCY.

(2) IF THE SECRETARY FINDS THAT THE DEFICIENCY STILL EXISTS, HE MAY:

(I) REVOKE THE FACILITY'S LICENSE; AND

(II) REMOVE ANY PATIENTS FROM THE FACILITY TO AN APPROPRIATE LICENSED FACILITY.

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 325

(House Bill 227)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacists - Disciplinary Action

FOR the purpose of providing that the Board of Pharmacy, by a two-thirds majority rather than unanimous vote, may take certain disciplinary action against a pharmacist; specifying additional actions that the Board may take; changing the causes enumerated as the bases for disciplinary action against a pharmacist; deleting obsolete references to assistant pharmacists; and