

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

Approved May 29, 1978.

CHAPTER 822

(Senate Bill 721)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Facilities - Staffing Ratios

FOR the purpose of establishing a uniform system for determining the number of residents in a facility operated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on any given day and directing that the number of residents determined by this system be the number used in calculating staff/resident ratios.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 566C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In order for Maryland residential facilities to receive federal funds they must maintain the staff-to-resident ratios required by federal regulations. Since there are various ways to determine the number of residents in any given facility on any given day, this Act is intended to standardize the way in which the number of residents is determined when computing the staff-to-resident ratio

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

566C.

~~{A} WHENEVER IT IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE STAFF-TO-RESIDENT RATIO IN ANY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS SHALL BE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE FACILITY ON ANY GIVEN DAY, WHETHER OR~~