

commissions, boards, councils or units as may hereafter by law be deemed to be part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall have such authority and powers over the departments and other units herein enumerated as are or shall be from time to time specifically granted by law. All authority and powers not so granted to the Secretary are reserved to the departments or other units free of the Secretary's control.

206B.

[(1) (i) In this section, the following word has the meaning indicated:

(ii) "Party or person aggrieved" shall include individuals, hospitals or nonprofit health service plans and commercial insurance companies paying for health care services rendered their subscribers or insureds directly to the hospital whose application is under the review, who may be adversely affected by the application under review and who was a party to the proceeding prior to taking an appeal under this section.

(iii) This subsection shall only apply to appeals of a decision, action or failure to act on the part of the Maryland State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the board of review relating to comprehensive health planning.

(2) ] A person aggrieved by a decision or action or failure to act on the part of the Secretary or any department or other agency within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for which an appeal to the board of review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is provided by § 206A of this article may appeal in the manner set forth in this section. Prior to its commencement the person so aggrieved shall make known the basis of the complaint to the person or persons responsible for the decision or the conduct of the action or of the withholding of the action, as the case may be, together with a request that it be reviewed. If a satisfactory resolution has not occurred within 30 days thereafter, the complainant may proceed as follows:

[(i)](1) Any complainant seeking further review shall set forth the nature of the complaint in writing, wherein it shall be outlined in detail with a full description of all facts and circumstances pertinent to it. The complaint shall be filed with the chief executive officer of the department or other agency to which application for review is made, if there be one, but if there be none, then with any member of its governing body. Receipt of such complaint shall be promptly acknowledged in writing and a copy transmitted to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The department or other agency shall then proceed to investigate the complaint. Subject to such extensions of time as the parties may agree upon, a decision