

Maryland for a period of not less than three years immediately prior to the date of appointment and shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by the Maryland Nursing Home Association, Inc.; one member shall be a member of a faculty of a graduate school of public health in the State of Maryland; twelve members shall be representatives of consumers of hospital services selected from among persons familiar with the need for such services in urban and rural areas; and one member shall be appointed from a list submitted by the Commissioner of Health. Members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while actually engaged in the performance of their duties in accordance with the standard travel regulations.

(d) In addition to the members so appointed, the persons holding the following positions shall also serve as members of said Advisory Council; the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene of Maryland; and the commissioner of health of Baltimore City.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 566(t), (c), and (d), respectively, of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 566(a), (b), and (c), respectively.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in appointing the initial members of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council under Section 2 of this Act, the Governor may consider those members serving as of June 1, 1978 on the State Health Coordinating Council created by Executive Order 01.01.1976.07, dated August 5, 1976, and promulgated pursuant to § 59C of Article 41 of the Code.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees of the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency shall be transferred to and become employees of the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency, without any diminution in salary or benefits; all property, funds, assets, liabilities, contracts, documents, and records of the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency shall be transferred to and become the property, funds, assets, liabilities, contracts, documents, and records of the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency; all references in the Annotated Code of Maryland and any other law, ordinance, bylaw, rule, regulation, order, directive, or document to the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency shall be deemed to refer to the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency created by this Act; and all rules, regulations, orders, and directives of the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency shall remain in effect as rules, regulations, orders, and directives of the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency until changed by the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to alter or