

(House Bill 344)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Facilities - Absences

FOR the purpose of specifying, for purposes of medical assistance payments to nursing facilities, a maximum period of absence for hospital stays; and deleting certain references to federal criteria.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health
Section 566B(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

566B.

(c) Payments under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this section shall be made for [the maximum periods allowed under rules and regulations of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare] A MAXIMUM OF 15 DAYS FOR ANY SINGLE HOSPITAL STAY. Payments under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) shall be made for a maximum aggregate of 18 days in any calendar year. Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, a leave of absence is not subject to any requirement that it must not exceed a particular number of days per visit, except that the leave of absence may not exceed a total of 18 days during any 12-month period.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 329

(House Bill 349)

AN ACT concerning

Public Water Systems - Definition