

Article 59A - Mental Retardation  
 Section 19(c)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1972 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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19.

(c) At least 2 percent, but not to exceed 4 percent of the total beds in ~~each public facility~~ [all] EACH STATE-OWNED public [facilities] FACILITY, except public group homes, under the jurisdiction of the Administration shall be reserved, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, for respite care. However, a person who is a resident of a facility on July 1, 1977 may not be displaced in order to implement this subsection, but instead, this subsection shall be implemented through attrition as vacancies arise in existing beds. For purposes of this subsection, respite care, means care for [a period up to 28 consecutive days] ONE PLACEMENT PERIOD UP TO 28 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR SEVERAL SHORTER PLACEMENT PERIODS OR BOTH AS DETERMINED FOR EACH SITUATION within any 12-month period, BUT NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 45 DAYS WITHIN A 12-MONTH PERIOD, made available for a mentally retarded person in a public facility maintained by the Administration, in order to provide relief for parents or guardians with whom the retarded person ordinarily lives.

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

Approved May 29, 1979.

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CHAPTER 531

(House Bill 283)

AN ACT concerning

Foreign Corporation - Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring certain foreign corporations that own income-producing property in this State to register to do interstate business; and excluding certain property.