

(L) THIS SECTION MAY NOT PREVENT THE SECRETARY FROM EXERCISING ANY OF HIS POWERS CONFERRED BY ARTICLE 43 OF THE CODE

(M) THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY FILE A PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER WITH RESPECT TO A NURSING HOME. IF THE SECRETARY, AFTER INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER, THEN THE SECRETARY MAY PETITION FOR A RECEIVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.

CHAPTER 273

(House Bill 308)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes - Resident Abuse

FOR the purpose of providing for a ~~method~~ means of reporting suspected incidents of abuse of patient residents of nursing homes; providing for investigation by law enforcement agencies of incidents of abuse; defining certain terms; providing for certain written reports to be prepared by law enforcement agencies; providing immunity from civil liability for certain persons making good faith reports; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to supply ~~a--sign~~ signs to each nursing home specifying the reporting requirements of this Act and requiring each ~~facility~~ nursing home to post the ~~sign signs in certain locations~~; ~~providing for~~ criminal--penalties, and generally relating to the procedure for reporting abuse of certain resident patients of nursing homes.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section ~~700B~~ 565G
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:
