

solely for its own account; nor to any special police officers appointed under the provisions of Article 41 of the Code, subtitle "Special Policemen," or § 16-16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1969 Edition).

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

Approved May 27, 1980.

CHAPTER 784

(House Bill 1321)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Retardation Facilities - Staffing Ratios

FOR the purpose of establishing a uniform system for determining the number of direct care staff in a residential facility for the mentally retarded.

BY adding to

Article 59A - Mental Retardation
Section 8B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In order for Maryland residential facilities for the mentally retarded to receive federal funds, they must meet or exceed the direct care staff-to-resident ratios required by federal regulations on intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded. Since there are various ways to define direct care staff, this Act is intended to standardize the way in which direct care is defined and counted when computing the direct care staff-to-resident ratio; now, therefore,

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

8B.

WHENEVER IT IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE DIRECT CARE STAFF-TO-RESIDENT RATIO IN A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR THE