

In the introductory clause of subsection (c) of this section, the phrase "may recover the expenses ... in caring for the patient" is substituted for the phrase "shall be deemed to be a debt due from such patient ... and may be recovered from him", for clarity and brevity.

In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the term "or reception center" is added to conform with the balance of the subsection.

The only other changes are in style.

In addition to the authority granted by this section, see Article 25A, § 5 and Article 25B, § 13 of the Code and Article 2, § 12 of the Baltimore City Code.

[556G.] 253.

Any hospital, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, operated by a municipal political subdivision of the State may accept a valid credit card as payment for bills.

[566A.] 254.

(A) The board of county commissioners or county council of every county in this State may establish a citizens nursing home board.

[(a)] (B) The board shall consist of ten members; and the initial members shall be appointed by the county commissioners or county council; three members to be appointed for three years, three for two years, three for one year. Members shall be chosen from among the residents of the county. One member of the board of county commissioners or county council shall be a member of the board, ex officio, as chosen by the board of county commissioners or county council from time to time. As the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be elected by a majority vote or quorum of the board for terms of three years or the remainder thereof; and hereafter, these positions shall be so filled.

[(b)] (C) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

[(c)] (D) The board shall establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services necessary for the proper care and treatment of aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the county and shall have the following powers and duties: