

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 232

(Senate Bill 102)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facilities and Laboratories - Accreditation Organizations and Deeming

FOR the purpose of defining the term “health care facility” for the purpose of certain licensing, accreditation, and regulatory provisions to include certain hospitals, health maintenance organizations, freestanding ambulatory care facilities, assisted living facilities, laboratories, home health agencies, and residential treatment centers; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to accept all or part of certain reports of certain accreditation organizations as meeting certain licensure and review requirements and to grant a certain deemed status to certain health care facilities; requiring certain accreditation organizations to apply to the Secretary for approval; requiring the Secretary to take certain actions before allowing an accreditation organization to conduct inspections or surveys on behalf of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department to establish a certain agreement with the accreditation organization; requiring disclosure to the public of certain reports by approved accreditation organizations; authorizing the Department to conduct certain inspections; authorizing the Department to participate in or observe certain surveys and inspections; authorizing the Secretary to withdraw approval from an accreditation organization or deemed status from a health care facility under certain circumstances; repealing and altering certain provisions of law relating to accreditation ~~and~~ deemed status, and correction of deficiencies of certain health care facilities; defining certain terms; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to accreditation ~~and~~ deemed status, and correction of deficiencies of certain health care facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 17–202, 19–308, 19–309(b), 19–319(c), 19–323(a), 19–360, 19–3B–03(d), 19–404, 19–1204, 19–1207, and 19–1805

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BY repealing

Article – Health – General

Section 19–705.1(g)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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