

CHAPTER 452

(House Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

Assisted Living Program Facilities - Emergency Electrical Power Generator

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to require certain facilities offering assisted living program services to have a certain emergency electrical power generator on the premises; providing for the power and system requirements of the emergency power generator; requiring a facility to conduct a certain test of the emergency power generator a certain number of times each month; requiring an emergency power system to provide lighting to certain areas in a facility; requiring emergency electrical power to be provided to certain areas and equipment; requiring certain facilities to provide common areas or areas of refuge for certain patients under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations regarding common areas and areas of refuge; exempting certain facilities from the requirements of this Act under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to grant a certain waiver or waiver extension to certain facilities under certain circumstances for a certain period of time; requiring the Department to review certain waivers each year; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to assisted living program facilities and emergency electrical power generators.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1808

§ Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-1808.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ~~SUBSECTION~~ SUBSECTIONS (G) AND (H) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM FACILITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO 50 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS HAVE AN EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATOR ON THE PREMISES.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH FACILITY PROVIDE EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE EMERGENCY POWER SOURCE SHALL BE A GENERATING SET AND PRIME MOVER LOCATED ON THE FACILITY PREMISES WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSFER.