

CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 877)

AN ACT concerning

State Commission on Arthritis and Related Diseases

FOR the purpose of creating the State Commission on Arthritis and Related Diseases; defining a certain term; providing for the membership, appointments, qualifications, terms, and removal of members of the Commission; providing for the appointment of a chairman; providing for a quorum, meetings, compensation, staff, and powers and duties for the Commission; providing for the terms of the members initially appointed under this Act; and generally relating to the State Commission on Arthritis and Related Diseases.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-501 through 13-506 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Commission on Arthritis and Related Diseases"

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 29 of the Acts of 1980 (Senate Joint Resolution No. 60) created the Governor's Task Force on Arthritis in order to identify the health, social, educational, and economic needs of the State's citizens suffering from arthritis and related diseases, to assess the economic impact resulting from arthritis with regard to the public and private sectors of the State, and to ascertain the most cost effective means to meet the existing needs; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force on Arthritis submitted a report to the Governor and General Assembly on March 5, 1984, which provided evidence of the potential, positive impact of a multidisciplinary group to define problems and to create priorities related to the major problem of arthritis and related rheumatic diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force on Arthritis has presented staggering figures concerning the incidence and prevalence of and cost resulting from arthritis and related rheumatic diseases in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The report detailed the educational qualifications of physicians in Maryland who treat arthritic patients,