

issued but does apply to a transfer of a license previously issued from one location to another location. [The provisions of this section do not apply to locations which are not subject to the Washington County zoning ordinance.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 730

(Senate Bill 344)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Freestanding Birthing Centers

FOR the purpose of providing for the licensing and regulation of freestanding birthing centers by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; defining certain terms; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain rules and regulations pertaining to the licensing and regulation of freestanding birthing centers; providing for the issuance, scope, term, renewal, suspension, and revocation of licenses to operate a freestanding birthing center; imposing certain operational requirements; providing for certain hearings; imposing certain criminal penalties for violations of this Act or any rule or regulation adopted under this Act; authorizing certain freestanding birthing centers to operate without a license until a certain date; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of freestanding birthing centers.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1001 through 19-1009, inclusive; to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Freestanding Birthing Centers"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 10. FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS

19-1001.