SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Education and Advocacy Unit shall report to the General Assembly by January 31, 1989 on the progress of the Unit in implementing its educational and advocacy program, and shall include in the report recommendations on the need for the continuation of the Unit and any necessary changes in the administrative structure of the Unit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 1990 and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 13, 1986.

CHAPTER 566

(House Bill 1377)

AN ACT concerning

Home Health Agencies - Standards

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish by regulation certain minimum standards for the operation of home health agencies; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of home health agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-404 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

19-404.

- (a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations that set standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare, and comfort of patients of home health agencies.
- (b) The rules and regulations shall provide for the licensing of home health agencies and annual license renewal, AND