

A person may not operate a hospice CARE PROGRAM unless licensed by the Secretary.

19-913.

A hospice FACILITY may not admit an individual unless a physician estimates that the individual has a life-expectancy-of less-than-6-months NO REASONABLE PROSPECT OF CURE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That those hospice care programs in existence and delivering hospice care services before January 1, 1987, that request licensure between July 1, 1987 and July 1, 1988, shall not be required to obtain a certificate of need prior to licensure. However, those hospice care programs seeking exemption from formal submission of a certificate of need for a hospice care program under this section shall meet the criteria established by the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission in consultation with interested groups, including the Hospice Network of Maryland, Inc. for determining whether a hospice care program was in existence and delivering hospice care services before January 1, 1987.

SECTION -2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

CHAPTER 671

(House Bill 533)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Coal Tax

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of tax imposed on each ton of surface mined coal; altering the date on which the Maryland Coal Tax expires; repealing a requirement that counties expend certain moneys derived from the tax for reconstruction, repair, or maintenance of county coal haul roads and bridges; repealing a requirement that governing bodies make certain distributions of a certain portion of moneys derived from the tax; and permitting governing bodies to make certain distributions of up to a certain portion of the moneys derived from the tax; and generally relating to the Coal Tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,