

CHAPTER 452

(House Bill 683)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes - Applications or Contracts for Admission

FOR the purpose of specifying that, before a related institution may use or substantially change an application or contract for admission, the administrator of the related institution shall submit the application or contract for admission or the proposed change to the application or contract for admission to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations and ; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to consult with the Office on Aging before adopting--those regulations reviewing certain applications and contracts; specifying that if the Department fails to make a decision on a proposed application or contract for admission, or substantive change to an application or contract for admission, within a certain time, the proposed application or contract for admission or substantive change shall be deemed approved; prohibiting a nursing home from requiring a person other than the applicant to sign an application or contract for admission under certain circumstances; establishing the conditions under which a nursing home may require a signature of a person other than the applicant on certain forms; permitting related institutions to request an applicant to execute a durable power of attorney; specifying the responsibilities of certain agents; specifying that any person may knowingly and voluntarily agree to guarantee payment for the cost of an applicant's care; providing a certain penalty; defining a term; ~~requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to review certain applications and contracts for admission within a certain period;~~ and generally relating to applications or contracts for admission to certain facilities.

BY renumbering

Article - Health - General
 Section 19-344(c) through (q), respectively
 to be Section 19-344(d) through (r), respectively
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1987 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to