## CHAPTER 767

(Senate Bill 536)

AN ACT concerning

Health Planning - Certificate of Need

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements certificate of need issued by the Health Resources Planning Commission relating to certain relocation, bed capacity, service, and capital expenditure requirements under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; maintaining certain annual operating expenditure limits for certain health care facilities which established a home health care service or program without a certificate of need at a certain time: providing for the consideration of the special needs circumstances of counties without certain services; authorizing the Health Resources Planning Commission to grant a certificate of need for a new medical service under certain circumstances; allowing for certain donations of equipment and plant to health care facilities without a certificate of need; and generally relating to the requirements for certificate of need.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-115 Annotated Code of Maryland (1987 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

19-115.

- (a) [In this section, "health care service" means any clinically related patient service.] (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (2) "HEALTH CARE SERVICE" MEANS ANY CLINICALLY RELATED PATIENT SERVICE INCLUDING A MEDICAL SERVICE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- (3) "MEDICAL SERVICE" MEANS EITHER---A---MEDICINE, SURGERY,---OBSTETRIC,---PEDIATRIC,---PSYCHIATRIC,---COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL-REHABILITATION,-OR-COMPREHENSIVE-CARE-PROGRAM,-INCLUDING AN-INTERMEDIATE-CARE-OR-EXTENDED-CARE-PROGRAM: