$\{ \pm i \pm j \}$ (V) THE APPLICATION MEETS ANY OTHER STANDARDS OR REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding the provisions of § 19-115 of the Health - General Article or applicable regulations of the Health Resources Planning Commission, a hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article, may increase or decrease an existing acute psychiatric medical service during a 1-year period by 15 beds or 50 percent, whichever is less.

SECTION 2τ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect \overline{July} 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

CHAPTER 768

(Senate Bill 591)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Buties-of-the-Secretary Regulation of
Community Residential Facilities

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations, in consultation and cooperation with local governing bodies, governing the siting by certain agencies of community residences for special populations; providing that certain State-funded community residences are not affected by this Act; and generally relating to community residences for special populations.

BY renumbering

Article - Health - General Section 2-104(b)(2) to be Section 2-104(b)(3) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General