

**CHAPTER 65**  
**(House Bill 581)**

AN ACT concerning

**Charles County - County Appropriation to Physicians Memorial Hospital**

FOR the purpose of eliminating a requirement that the County Commissioners of Charles County appropriate each year a specified sum relating to the operation of a certain hospital; providing for the authority for the County Commissioners to appropriate an amount determined by the County Commissioners; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to county funding of hospital facilities in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Public Local Laws of Charles County  
Section 27-9  
Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1994 Edition and November 1995 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 9 - Charles County**

27-9.

A. Operation and control; appropriation. The County Commissioners [of Charles County are authorized to] MAY construct, maintain and operate a hospital or hospitals in [said] THE county. The operation and control may be exercised through a Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioners, and [said] THE Commissioners may appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the proper operation of [said] THE hospital facilities.

B. Agreement for operation by nonprofit organization; appropriation. In lieu of the operation of a hospital as provided above, the County Commissioners may enter into an agreement with any nonprofit organization whereby the operation of [said] THE hospital will be delegated to [said] THE nonprofit organization, using the buildings and premises of the County Commissioners under such terms and conditions as the parties may agree upon[, and the]. THE County Commissioners [shall] MAY appropriate annually to the operating organization [the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.) and such other sums as] AN AMOUNT THAT the County Commissioners may deem necessary.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

Approved April 9, 1996.