

~~indicating to the public that medical treatment for immediately life-threatening medical conditions exist at that facility shall be certified by the Department before it may operate in this State.~~

~~19-3A-04.~~

~~The governing body of any county may adopt rules and regulations governing freestanding medical facilities more restrictive than the regulations adopted by the Department.~~

~~19-3A-05.~~

~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.~~

~~(b) If a freestanding medical facility fails to comply with the requirements of § 19-3A-02(9) and (10) of this subtitle, the Department may impose a fine of up to \$500 per day per violation for each day a violation continues.~~

~~19-3A-06.~~

~~The circuit court for a county in which a person is operating a freestanding medical facility in violation of a provision of this subtitle may enjoin further operation of the freestanding medical facility that violates this subtitle.~~

Article 43C - Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority 16A.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) THE CLOSURE OF A HOSPITAL UNDER § 19-115(L) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

(2) THE DELICENSURE OF A HOSPITAL UNDER § 19-325 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE; AND

(3) ~~THE CONVERSION OF A HOSPITAL TO A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL UNDER § 19-115 (J) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE IF:~~

~~(I) THE CONVERSION OCCURS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2002; AND~~

~~(II) THE HOSPITAL CONVERTING TO A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS.~~

(3) THE CONVERSION OF A HOSPITAL TO A LIMITED SERVICE HOSPITAL UNDER § 19-115(J) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE OR TO ANOTHER HEALTH-RELATED USE IF:

(I) THE CONVERSION OCCURS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2002; AND

(II) THE HOSPITAL'S CAPABILITY TO ADMIT OR RETAIN PATIENTS FOR OVERNIGHT ACUTE CARE HOSPITALIZATION IS ELIMINATED.