

Approved May 11, 2000.

**CHAPTER 212**

**(Senate Bill 794)**

AN ACT concerning

**Nursing Homes - Required Staffing**

~~FOR the purpose of requiring nursing homes to meet certain staffing requirements to qualify for licensure; requiring nursing homes to employ certain individuals for certain positions; specifying certain duties that certain individuals may not perform; specifying certain staffing levels for nursing homes; requiring nursing homes to post certain information in certain areas of the home on a certain form developed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for certification of staffing levels; authorizing the Department to improve working conditions and salary levels; providing for certain penalties; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to staffing requirements for nursing homes.~~

FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide in the State budget for certain fiscal years additional funds for nursing home services; specifying how nursing homes are allowed to use the additional funds; providing that nursing home expenditures are subject to audit and cost settlement by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department to reconvene the Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement Study Group; specifying the duties of the Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement Study Group; requiring a certain report by a certain date; and generally relating to nursing home services.

BY adding to

Article — Health — General  
Section 19-1410 through 19-1412  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

**Article — Health — General**

~~19-1410:~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(1) "LICENSED PERSONNEL" MEANS:~~