

(I) AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE RESIDENT WHICH RESULTS IN INJURY AND HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR REQUIRING PHYSICIAN INTERVENTION;

(II) A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE RESIDENT'S PHYSICAL, MENTAL, OR PSYCHOSOCIAL STATUS; OR

(III) A NEED TO ALTER THE RESIDENT'S TREATMENT SIGNIFICANTLY.

19-1414.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVIEW FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF A POTENTIAL LICENSEE AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE OR MANAGEMENT FIRM UNDER CONTRACT WITH AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO DETERMINE ABILITY OF THE APPLICANT OR MANAGEMENT FIRM TO COMPLY WITH APPROPRIATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

19-1415.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND NURSING HOME QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 219

(Senate Bill 689)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes - Sanctions and Penalties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose certain sanctions for certain deficiencies found in nursing homes; defining certain terms; *establishing the burden of proof for the imposition of fines; requiring the Office of Administrative Hearings to render a decision within a certain time after a hearing; providing for a penalty discount under certain circumstances;* establishing certain monetary penalties for certain deficiencies; *repealing certain provisions of law relating to notice requirements and appeals; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to appoint an independent monitor for certain purposes; establishing a Health Care Quality Account;* authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to utilize certain monetary fines for programs to improve the quality of care; *making this Act an emergency measure;* and generally relating to sanctions for certain deficiencies in nursing homes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health - General