

SECTION 4. ~~7. 10.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in ~~Section 6 Sections 8 and 9~~ of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 60**  
**(Senate Bill 151)**

AN ACT concerning

**Attendant Care Program - Administrative Costs**

FOR the purpose of providing that the Attendant Care Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget; repealing certain provisions that relate to administrative costs; and generally relating to the Department of Human Resources and the Attendant Care Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 6-703

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 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 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

6-703.

(a) The [Department shall allocate funds for the] Attendant Care Program [and for administrative costs as provided in this section, in accordance with] SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN the State budget.

(b) The Department [shall] MAY administer the Program directly or [may] enter into a contract with a private organization to administer and operate the Program[, and:

(1) If the Program is administered by the Department, the funds shall be used as payments for attendant care services and not for administrative costs; or

(2) If the Department enters into a contract with a private organization, the private organization may use the funds as payments for attendant care services and for reasonable administrative costs. The administrative costs allowed under the contract shall be negotiated and approved by the Director.

(c) The Department shall limit expenditures for payments for attendant care services, and for administrative costs as provided in this section, to the total amount of funds provided for the Program in the State budget].