

nursing home beds in a CCC does not exceed 24 percent of the number of independent living units (ILU) in a CCC with fewer than 300 ILUs, or 20 percent of the number of ILUs in a CCC with 300 or more ILUs. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2002 on the bill's effect on the long-term care industry.

Senate Bill 403, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 864.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 864

AN ACT concerning

Continuing Care Communities - Certificate of Need Exemption - Comprehensive Care Nursing Beds

FOR the purpose of altering the number of comprehensive care nursing beds a continuing care community may maintain to qualify for an exemption from a certificate of need; requiring a certain report by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by a certain date; and generally relating to comprehensive care nursing beds and exemptions from certificate of need requirements for continuing care communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-114(e)

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

19-114.

(e) (1) "Health care facility" means:

- (i) A hospital, as defined in § 19-301(g) of this title;
- (ii) A limited service hospital, as defined in § 19-301(e) of this title;
- (iii) A related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;
- (iv) An ambulatory surgical facility;