(2) <u>CONSENT MAY BE OBTAINED VIA TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC</u> MEANS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 9, 2002.

CHAPTER 47

(House Bill 235)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes - Notice of Closure - Penalties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Office of Health Care Quality in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose certain penalties on a nursing home when the nursing home closes without providing a certain notice within a certain period before closure; providing that the nursing home is subject to certain appellate procedures when a civil money penalty is imposed; and generally relating to penalties for failure to provide notice of the closure of a nursing home.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1413

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-1413.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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