

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

Approved April 9, 2002.

CHAPTER 57

(House Bill 321)

AN ACT concerning

Continuing Care Communities - Direct Admissions Into Comprehensive Care Nursing Bed - Repeal of Abrogation Provision

FOR the purpose of repealing the abrogation provision relating to definitions for health planning and development that apply to certain health care facilities; repealing the abrogation provision relating to provisions that allow certain continuing care communities to admit subscribers directly to a comprehensive care nursing bed; and generally relating to direct admissions into comprehensive care nursing beds in continuing care communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-114 and 19-124

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 238 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000

Section 2

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

Article - Health - General

19-114.

(a) In this Part II of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means any center, service, office, facility, or office of one or more health care practitioners or a group practice, as defined in § 1-301 of the Health Occupations Article, that:

(i) Has two or more operating rooms;

(ii) Operates primarily for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients who do not require overnight hospitalization; and