

certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the acquisition of a nonprofit health entity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 6.5-203(g) and 6.5-301(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

6.5-203.

(g) (1) [Unless the appropriate regulating entity extends for good cause under paragraph (2) of this subsection the time for making a determination under subsection (f) of this section, if an application is not approved or disapproved within 60 days after the record, including the public hearing process, has been closed, the application shall be deemed approved.

(2) Subject to paragraph [(3)] (2) of this subsection, at its discretion, the regulating entity may extend for good cause for a 60-day period the time for making a determination under subsection (f) of this section.

[(3)] (2) The regulating entity is limited to a maximum of two 60-day extensions for making a determination on the same application.

6.5-301.

(a) The appropriate regulating entity [shall] MAY NOT approve an acquisition unless it finds the acquisition is [not] in the public interest.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 156

(Senate Bill 420)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Morticians - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Morticians in accordance with the