Neither any holding of unconstitutionality nor the repeal of 3(b)(2)(ii) of Section 1 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by Chapter 141 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, shall affect, impair, or invalidate any other portion of Chapter 169 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by Chapter 141 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, or the application of such Act to any other person or circumstance, and such remaining portions of Chapter 169 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by Chapter 141 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, shall at all times continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 349

(House Bill 484)

AN ACT concerning

Health Facilities - Nursing Homes - Family Council

FOR the purpose of providing for the composition of a family council for a nursing home; prohibiting a family council from being created or led by certain persons; authorizing a family council to be created or led by certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring a nursing home to give certain persons certain information about a family council in the nursing home; requiring the nursing home to respond in writing to certain communications from the family council within a certain time frame; requiring a nursing home to create and to maintain certain correspondence files; providing for the contents of certain files; requiring records in regulatory files to be unedited; requiring records in public files to delete certain information; providing the times for the review of public files by certain persons; requiring a nursing home to promptly comply with a request by a licensing authority to review certain files; requiring the Secretary of Aging to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a family council in nursing homes.

BY renumbering

Article – Health – General Section 19–1415 to be Section 19–1416 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General Section 19-1415