

CHAPTER 425

(House Bill 1007)

AN ACT concerning

Community Residential Facilities – Handicapped Populations

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations ~~which promote the accessibility and integration into the community of~~ relating to residential facilities for handicapped individuals; altering the saturation standards for the siting of community residential facilities; altering certain location requirements for private group homes; and generally relating to regulations for community residential facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 2-104(b)(2) and 10-518(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

2-104.

(b) (2) (i) The Secretary shall adopt regulations, in consultation and cooperation with local governing bodies, ~~to govern the siting~~ ~~TO PROMOTE EQUAL ACCESS AND FOSTER INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS FUNDED~~ by the Department, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Juvenile Services [of State-funded community residences for special populations, including regulations that:

1. Require a 4 percent limit on the number of people served in community residences in relation to the total population for the areas to be monitored;
2. Require that the number of community residences in a building containing multifamily dwelling units may not exceed the greater of 10 percent of the units in the building, or 2 units;
3. Require that the number of community residences in single-family attached dwelling units on a section of a street between 2 intersecting streets, or between an intersecting street and a dead end, may not exceed 2 units with a minimum distance of 200 feet between the community residences; and
4. Limit the distance between single-family detached dwellings serving special populations in accordance with the general population.