

administrators; altering the membership of the Board; authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to adopt certain regulations concerning elderly care homes by a certain date; authorizing the County Commissioners to establish an ombudsman program for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; requiring that the County Commissioners require persons who own or operate an elderly care home obtain a certain permit under certain circumstances; providing a right of inspection; providing certain criminal penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators and the regulation of nursing home administrators, and, in Charles County, the regulation of elderly care homes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 9-202(a) and 9-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 57-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 37 Elderly Care Homes"

Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1988 Edition and October, 1991 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article - Health Occupations

9-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [ten] ~~13~~ 11 members.

(2) Of the [ten] ~~13~~ 11 Board members:

(i) Four members shall be licensed nursing home administrators who are practicing actively and have at least 5 years experience as licensed nursing home administrators;

(ii) Four shall be individuals who are not nursing home administrators but who are engaged actively in professions that are concerned with the care of chronically ill, infirm, or aged individuals; ~~and~~

(iii) ~~Two~~ FIVE THREE shall be consumer members~~;~~

~~(IV) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT;~~

~~(V) ONE SHALL BE THE LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN OF THE OFFICE ON AGING OR A DESIGNEE OF THE OMBUDSMAN; AND~~