

Chapter 73

(Senate Bill 891)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Commission – Authority of Acute Care Hospitals to Provide Cardiac Surgery Services – Voluntary Relinquishment – Regulations

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission provide for the voluntary relinquishment of the authority of certain acute care hospitals to provide cardiac surgery services under certain circumstances; and generally relating to regulations concerning the voluntary relinquishment of authority to provide cardiac surgery services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–120.1(g)(2)(v)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

19–120.1.

(g) (2) The regulations shall:

(v) Require, as a condition of the issuance of a certificate of conformance or a certificate of ongoing performance [to an acute general hospital without on–site cardiac surgery services], that [the] AN acute general hospital agree to voluntarily relinquish its authority to provide **CARDIAC SURGERY SERVICES**, emergency PCI services, or elective PCI services if the hospital fails to meet the applicable standards established by the Commission;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.