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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Continuing Care Communities - Direct Admissions Into Comprehensive**
3 **Care Nursing Bed - Repeal of Abrogation Provision**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the abrogation provision relating to definitions for
5 health planning and development that apply to certain health care facilities;
6 repealing the abrogation provision relating to provisions that allow certain
7 continuing care communities to admit subscribers directly to a comprehensive
8 care nursing bed; and generally relating to direct admissions into
9 comprehensive care nursing beds in continuing care communities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 19-114 and 19-124
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 238 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000
17 Section 2

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

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-114.

22 (a) In this Part II of this subtitle the following words have the meanings
23 indicated.

24 (b) (1) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means any center, service, office,
25 facility, or office of one or more health care practitioners or a group practice, as
26 defined in § 1-301 of the Health Occupations Article, that:

27 (i) Has two or more operating rooms;

1 (ii) Operates primarily for the purpose of providing surgical
2 services to patients who do not require overnight hospitalization; and

3 (iii) Seeks reimbursement from payors as an ambulatory surgical
4 facility.

5 (2) For purposes of this subtitle, the office of one or more health care
6 practitioners or a group practice with two operating rooms may be exempt from the
7 certificate of need requirements under this subtitle if the Commission finds, in its
8 sole discretion, that:

9 (i) A second operating room is necessary to promote the efficiency,
10 safety, and quality of the surgical services offered; and

11 (ii) The office meets the criteria for exemption from the certificate
12 of need requirements as an ambulatory surgical facility in accordance with
13 regulations adopted by the Commission.

14 (c) "Certificate of need" means a certification of public need issued by the
15 Commission under this Part II of this subtitle for a health care project.

16 (d) (1) "Health care facility" means:

17 (i) A hospital, as defined in § 19-301(g) of this title;

18 (ii) A limited service hospital, as defined in § 19-301(e) of this title;

19 (iii) A related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;

20 (iv) An ambulatory surgical facility;

21 (v) An inpatient facility that is organized primarily to help in the
22 rehabilitation of disabled individuals, through an integrated program of medical and
23 other services provided under competent professional supervision;

24 (vi) A home health agency, as defined in § 19-401 of this title;

25 (vii) A hospice, as defined in § 19-901 of this title; and

26 (viii) Any other health institution, service, or program for which this
27 Part II of this subtitle requires a certificate of need.

28 (2) "Health care facility" does not include:

29 (i) A hospital or related institution that is operated, or is listed and
30 certified, by the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts;

31 (ii) For the purpose of providing an exemption from a certificate of
32 need under § 19-120 of this subtitle, a facility to provide comprehensive care
33 constructed by a provider of continuing care, as defined by Article 70B of the Code, if:

1 the potential for an eventual transfer to an independent living unit or an assisted
2 living unit, as determined by the subscriber's personal physician who is not an owner
3 or employee of the continuing care retirement community.

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and §
5 19-114(d)(2)(ii) of this part, the total number of comprehensive care nursing beds
6 occupied by subscribers who have been directly admitted to a comprehensive care
7 nursing bed may not exceed 20 percent of the total number of comprehensive care
8 nursing beds that are available in the continuing care nursing facility.

9 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section
10 and § 19-114(d)(2)(ii) of this part, a continuing care retirement community that
11 qualifies for an exemption from a certificate of need under § 19-114(d)(2)(ii) of this
12 part may not admit a subscriber directly into a comprehensive care nursing bed if the
13 direct admission would cause the occupancy of the comprehensive care nursing beds
14 in the continuing care community to exceed 95 percent of full capacity.

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Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2000

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2000. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
18 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
19 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2002.