

(d) *In order to participate in this program, each county and Baltimore City is authorized and required to levy such taxes as are necessary to provide for the payments required by this subsection.*

(e) *The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is authorized to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation of this section.*

(f) *The payment by any county or Baltimore City to the State Department of Health of the sum specified in this section, plus any supplementation of this sum by any State or Federal funds, shall be treated and considered up to the particular aggregate amount as compliance with any public local law for that county or Baltimore City which requires or permits the county or City to pay monies to a hospital or hospitals. The amount of any such payment under this section, together with its supplementation, shall be deducted from any payment or payments otherwise payable under the public local laws for the county or Baltimore City. If the payment of the sum specified in this section plus the supplementation therefor is less than the total obligation of the county or City under its public local laws, the amount of difference shall be paid over by the county or City to the hospital or hospitals, in substantially the same ratio as that required in the public local laws. If the payment of the sum specified in this section plus the supplementation therefor exceeds the total obligation of the county or City under its public local laws, the obligation of the county or City under its public local laws is satisfied and extinguished.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.*

Approved April 14, 1966.

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## CHAPTER 5

(Senate Bill No. 7)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 42(a) and 43 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions"; to add new Section 25B to Article 64A of said Code (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement)1 title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 25A thereof; to amend several powers of the State Department of Health with respect to the persons who are paid for furnishing medical care to the indigent, the employees who carry out the medical care program for indigents in Baltimore City, and the transfer to the State of Baltimore City employees engaged in processing payments for medical care services and to the merit system status and salaries of such transferred employees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 42(a) and 43 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of*