

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 moneys 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 sum specified in this section plus the supplementation therefor is less than the total obligation of the county or Baltimore 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.

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 42A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

42A.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974, THE COSTS FOR THE HOSPITAL CARE OF INDIGENT AND MEDICALLY INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL BE THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. ]]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 312(j) of Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

312.