

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 464

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-1519 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hospital or health center commissions.

[S 130]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-1519 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-1519. Powers of commission.

Any hospital or health center commission established hereunder shall have all powers necessary or convenient to carry out the general purposes of this chapter, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted:

1. In General. To sue and be sued; to adopt a seal and alter the same at pleasure; to have perpetual succession; and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers.

2. Officers, Agents and Employees. To employ such technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees as it may require, to fix their qualifications, duties and compensation and to remove such employees at pleasure.

3. Acquisition of Property. To acquire within the territorial limits of the political subdivisions for which it is formed, by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise, whatever lands, buildings and structures may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of establishing, constructing, enlarging, maintaining and operating one or more hospitals or health centers.

4. *Sale or Lease of Property. To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, or assign any of its real or personal property, or any portion thereof or interest therein, to any person, firm, or corporation, whenever the commission finds such action to be in furtherance of the purposes for which the commission was created.*

4. 5. Construction. To acquire, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip and operate any hospital or health center, and any other facilities and services for the care and treatment of sick persons.

5. 6. Rules and Regulations for Management. To make and enforce rules and regulations for the management and conduct of its business and affairs and for the use, maintenance and operation of its facilities and properties.

6. 7. Acceptance of Donations. To accept gifts and grants, *including real or personal property*, from the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and from the United States and any of its agencies; and to accept donations of money, personal property or real estate, and take title thereto from any person, firm, corporation or association.

7. 8. Rules and Regulations as to Patients. To make rules and regulations governing the admission, care and treatment of patients in such hospital or health center, to classify patients as to charges to be paid by them, if any, and to determine the nature and extent of the service to be rendered patients.

8. 9. Federal and State Aid. To comply with the provisions of the laws of the United States and the Commonwealth, and any rules and regulations made thereunder, for the expenditures of federal or state money in connection with hospitals or health centers and to accept, receive and receipt for federal and state money granted the commission, or granted any of the political subdivisions for which it is formed, for hospital or health center purposes.

9. 10. Borrowing Money. To borrow money upon its bonds, notes, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness issued for the purpose only of acquiring, constructing, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings or structures for use as a hospital or health center, and to secure the same by pledges of its revenues and property as hereafter provided.

10. 11. Execution of Instruments for Borrowing. To execute all instruments necessary or convenient in connection with the borrowing of money and the issuance of bonds as herein authorized.

11. 12. Leases and Construction Agreements. To enter into leases and agreements with persons, firms, corporations, associations or other groups which provide for the construction and/or operation of a hospital or health center by such persons, firms, corporations, associations or other groups on land of the commission.

12. 13. Management Agreements. To contract with persons, firms, corporations, associations or other groups as it may deem appropriate for the management and operation of any hospital or health center subject to the control of the commission; however, the commission may agree that it will charge such rates for service as will enable it to make reasonable compensation for such management and operation.