

CHAPTER 89

(Senate Bill 9)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 49 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Inebriates", to provide that persons charged with the commission of a criminal offense who are habitually addicted to the use of certain narcotics may be committed to a State hospital for treatment and observation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 49 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Inebriates", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

49.

When any person charged with the commission of a criminal offense, ~~EXCEPT PERSONS CHARGED WITH THE SALE OF NARCOTICS~~, is shown to the satisfaction of the judge before whom he is brought to be suffering from acute or chronic alcoholism, *or who is habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs as that term is defined in Section 276 of Article 27 of this Code as amended from time to time*, the said judge may commit him to one of the State hospitals for treatment and observation, under such terms and conditions as he may determine; provided, that no such commitment shall be made except by one of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or of the circuit court for any county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1960.

Approved March 23, 1960.

CHAPTER 90

(Senate Bill 11)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2 of Article 70A of said Code, title "Old Age Assistance", amending the definition of the word "recipient" in the laws relating to public assistance to the needy blind and to old age assistance.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 11 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.