31.

No person shall be committed to or confined as a patient in any institution, public, corporate or private, or almshouse or other place for the care and custody of the [insane] *mentally ill*, idiotic MENTALLY RETARDED or the alcoholic except upon the written certificates of two qualified physicians of the State of Maryland made within one week after separate examination by them of said alleged [lunatic] *mentally ill* PERSON or alcoholic and setting forth the [insanity] *mental illness*, idiocy MENTAL RETARDATION or alcoholism of such person and the reason for such opinion. No certificate shall be of force which shall be presented for the commitment of any patient more than thirty days after date of examination. The form of physician's certificate shall be substantially as follows:

State of Maryland, county or city of ....
Dated ...., I, a resident of the county or city of ...., being a graduate of ....
.... Medical College and having practiced as a physician five years AND BEING DULY LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify on this .... day of .... I have personally examined .... age ....,
(sex) ...., ... (social state), and do verily believe that the said ....
is [insane] *mentally ill* or is an alcoholic (indicate which), and that the disease is of a character which, in my opinion, requires that the person shall be placed in a hospital or other establishment where the [insane] *mentally ill* or the alcoholic are detained for care and treatment. I further certify that I am not related by blood or marriage to the said .... nor in any way connected as medical attendant or otherwise with the hospital or other establishment in which it is proposed to place the aforesaid .... and that this certificate is signed and made within one week of the examination of the patient.
...., M.D.

Residence ....

This section shall not apply to the cases of voluntary commitments as provided for in Section 37.

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

Approved April 29, 1966.

CHAPTER 415

(House Bill 134)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt, in the aggregate amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($525,000.00), for the purpose of aiding in the construction of jail facilities in Anne Arundel County, and providing generally for the