

CHAPTER 31

(Senate Bill 156)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation of the Mentally Ill By Persons
of the Same Sex

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering the requirement that a mentally ill individual be transported to or from a facility by an individual of the same sex or a member of the patient's immediate family; and authorizing the chief executive officer of a facility or the officer's designee to designate a person to provide transportation for a patient; ~~and providing that designation of a person to provide transportation be based on a certain needs assessment.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 10-807
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

10-807.

(a) The Director may transfer an individual from a public facility to another public facility or, if a private facility agrees, to that private facility, if the Director finds that:

(1) The individual either can receive better care or treatment in or would be more likely to benefit from care or treatment at the other facility; or

(2) The safety or welfare of other individuals would be furthered.

(b) The Director may transfer any individual who is a resident of another state to a facility in that state if the Director finds that the transfer is feasible.

(c) (1) Any finding that the Director makes under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be in writing and filed with the records of the individual involved.