

Governor Agnew said he plans the following as initial steps:

1. A broader coordination of State and local programs on alcoholism through the recently formed Inter-agency Committee on Comprehensive Health Planning, which the Governor heads as Chairman.
2. Encouragement of private programs involving business and labor, and particularly more active support by the liquor industry itself.
3. A more intensive effort by the State to provide necessary facilities for specialized treatment of alcoholics.
4. An extensive educational campaign by the State and by private industry to better inform the public on the nature of alcoholism as a disease, and facilities and programs available for its treatment.
5. Consultation with Judges to develop more effective ways of handling cases involving alcoholics, particularly in view of recent court decisions which have indicated that the chronic alcoholic cannot be considered a conventional criminal offender.
6. A revision of State laws to reflect modern thinking and a more practical approach to the treatment of alcoholics and alcoholism.

Governor Agnew said he is asking Attorney General Francis B. Burch and committees of the Medical-Chirurgical Faculty and the Maryland State Bar Association to undertake a complete review of State laws on drunkenness, alcoholics and alcoholism and recommend necessary and desirable changes to the 1968 session of the Maryland Legislature.

NEWS RELEASE AND STATEMENT ON PERSONNEL STUDY COMMITTEE

September 5, 1967

Governor Agnew today announced the appointment of the Personnel Study Committee of his Task Force on Modern Management.

The Governor designated Donald G. Roberts of Bethesda as Chairman of the Committee.

Other members are: William M. Houck, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the Maryland Legislature; George B. Newman, President of the Kelly Springfield Tire Company in Cumber-