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18. Said Board shall make such by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with this article, as it may deem proper. The Board shall meet at least once in each month, and should be required to meet at any time when a call for a meeting shall be made in writing by any two members of the Board to the Chairman. There shall be semi-annual meetings, which it shall be the duty of the Board and the members of the several boards of managers of the various State hospitals for the insane and feeble-minded in Maryland to attend for the purpose of consultation and the more harmonious and effective administration of this article and the protection and advancement of the interests of insane persons within the State. Such semi-annual meetings shall be held at the office of the Board of Mental Hygiene, or at such other place as said Board may designate.

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19. The Board of Mental Hygiene is hereby vested with full and plenary powers and charged with the duties and functions of supervision of all matters relating to the custody, cure and treatment of the insane as provided in sections 17 to 19, 24 to 26, 28, 40 and 42 to 49; said Board shall secure to the insane just and humane care and careful and adequate treatment of their malady, or maladies, and shall do and effectuate whatever may be feasible for the amelioration and improvement of their condition, and said Board shall furthermore secure to the insane in this State all their rights and privileges as involuntary wards of the State. It shall also be the duty of said Board, and it is hereby given full powers for the purpose, to make investigations and examinations into and respecting and concerning all institutions, public or private, or whether the same be incorporated or be conducted or controlled by individuals, which may be authorized by law to receive and care for insane persons, and to inquire into the nature and methods of detention, treatment, government and management of all persons therein confined, detained or treated. Said Board shall also investigate and examine into the condition of all buildings, grounds and other property connected with any such institution or institutions, and into all matters relating to their maintenance, conduct and management, for such purpose or purposes any members of said Board shall have free access to the grounds, buildings, equipment and appurtenances and all books and papers relating to patients confined in any such institution, or institutions, and to said patients themselves. All persons connected with any such institution shall give such information and afford such facilities for any such examination or inquiry as the Board or its Chairman may require. The Board shall encourage scientific investigations by the medical staffs of the various institutions under its supervision, and to this end may, in its discretion, publish from time to time bulletins and reports of the scientific and business work done therein, and may prescribe to the superintendent and managers of the several institutions under its supervision the forms of and periods covered by the statistical returns to be made by them in their annual report to the Board. The Chairman, or at least one member of the Board appointed for the purpose by the Board, shall visit all public, corporate and private institutions, almshouses or county asylums where the insane or feeble-minded are kept, at least once in every six months. The Board of Mental