

as Section 44B of said Article, to follow immediately after Section 44A of said Article, providing for the administration and supervision by the State Board of Health, of a mental health program.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new and additional section be and the same is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Miscellaneous Provisions", to be known as Section 44B of said Article, to follow immediately after Section 44A of said Article and to read as follows:

44B. The State Board of Health is hereby designated as the agency of the State to administer a program of non-institutional services for mentally ill or those who are suffering from conditions which may lead to mental illness and to coordinate and supervise the administration of those services included in the program which are not administered directly by it. The purpose of such program shall be to develop, extend and improve services for locating persons who are suffering from some mental illness and to provide facilities for diagnosis and corrective treatment of non-institutional cases.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend or alter in any way, the rights and powers conferred upon the Board of Mental Hygiene.

The said State Board of Health is hereby authorized:

(a) To formulate and administer a detailed plan or plans for the purposes herein specified, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable for the administration of such plans.

(b) To receive and expend in accordance with such plans, all funds made available to such Board by the Federal Government, the State or its political subdivisions or from any other sources for such purposes.

(c) To cooperate with the Federal Government, through its appropriate agency or instrumentality, and all other agencies, both public and private, in developing, extending and improving such services, and in the administration of such plans.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall become effective June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.