

inals, and of persons suffering from such mental disorders as to have marked criminal propensities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that study be given to the possibility for providing such institutions and facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is well known that mental and emotional disturbances and aberrations are a major motivating cause of the commission of crime; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary that an expert and informed study be made by competent persons in order to bring about an intelligent correlation between the law and modern psychiatry; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a Commission to study Medico-Legal Psychiatry, to consist of fifteen members as follows: The Director of Phipps Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, ex officio; the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, ex officio; at least one member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City; at least one Judge from a Circuit Court outside Baltimore City; the Medical Officer of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, ex officio; at least one member of the House of Delegates of Maryland; at least one member of the Senate of Maryland; and such number of other persons as shall be required to bring the total membership of the Commission to fifteen persons; and be it further*

*Resolved, That said Commission is hereby requested and directed to make such studies and investigations as it may deem necessary and desirable, to enable it to report to the General Assembly of 1949 on the following topics: (a) the need for psychopathic institutions throughout the State; (b) the possibilities for attaching psychiatric clinics to the courts of this State, including trial magistrates' courts; (c) the possibilities for pre-trial and post-trial examinations in criminal cases; (d) the factor and possible lack of criminal responsibility because of emotional disturbances; (e) the possibilities of psychiatric treatment and care in jails, training schools and other institutions; (f) the commitment of sexual psychopaths and the insane in criminal cases; (g) procedural methods by which courts determine sanity; (h) the definition of insanity in criminal cases; and (i) such other matters and inquiries as to the Commission shall seem pertinent and important to the spirit and purpose of this Resolution.*

Approved April 16, 1947.