

tion), title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Board of Mental Hygiene", relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Mental Hygiene, and the appointment of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 15 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition) title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Board of Mental Hygiene," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

15. (a) There shall be a Board of Mental Hygiene, which shall have supervision over all institutions, public corporate or private, in which insane persons are detained, and shall be vested with and possessed of the powers and duties in this sub-title specified, and also all powers necessary or proper to enable it to carry out fully and effectually all the purposes of this sub-title.

(b) Said Board of Mental Hygiene shall consist of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board and six appointed members. The Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland, the Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the Director of the School of Hygiene of the Johns Hopkins University, the Director of the State Department of Public Welfare, and the Supervisor of Special Education of the State Department of Education shall be advisory members of said Board. Three at least of said appointed members shall be appointed from the City of Baltimore, three at least of said appointed members shall be physicians and graduates of some accredited medical college, and must also have been in the actual practice of their profession at least five years consecutively just preceding their appointment; two of said physicians so chosen shall have at least five years' experience in the treatment of the insane; and at least one of said appointed members shall be a woman. All of the appointed members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The appointed members of said Board shall hold office for six years and the members in office on January 1, 1947, shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. Thereafter in each case the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint members in the place of those whose terms shall expire. All vacancies shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(c) There shall be a Commissioner of Mental Hygiene who shall be a qualified physician with at least five years' actual experience in the treatment of mental diseases. The Com-