

as said section was enacted by Chapter 518 of the 1929 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 117A of Article 16 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Non Compos Mentis," as said section was enacted by Chapter 518 of the 1929 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

117A. The Court shall have power also to appoint a Committee or Trustee to take charge of and manage the property of any person incompetent by reason of a mental disability.

The Application therefor, may be made by next friend, shall be by petition under oath, accompanied by certificates, sworn to and subscribed by two medical doctors practicing in the State of Maryland, for the last five years or two attending neuropsychiatrists, one of whom shall have attended the alleged incompetent within the ten days before the filing of the petition.

Such certificates shall set out the cause, nature, extent and probable duration of the incompetency. The petition shall set out the reasons for the application and the kind, quantity and value of the property to be cared for and managed. The Court shall pass an order, (a) directing the alleged incompetent to be summoned within ten days, (b) requiring that within the same time a copy of the summons, petition and order shall be left with the person with whom the alleged incompetent resides, unless residing with the petitioner, in which event, the Court shall name some other person with whom such copies shall be left, (c) setting the petition for hearing on or after fifteen days from the date of the order, (d) and allowing an appearance and answer at any time before or after decree. The Court shall have power to revoke, modify or alter any decree hereunder at any time after appearance and answer for good cause shown.

Such Committee or Trustee shall care for and manage the property of the incompetent and may upon proper order of Court expend cash for the incompetent's support and maintenance, as well as for the support and maintenance of the incompetent's dependents.