

tions 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 38E, 38F and 38G, and providing, among other things, for enlarging and prescribing the duties and powers of the Lunacy Commission, the whole of this Act relating to the subject of "Lunatics and Insane."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 37 of Article 59 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, entitled "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Lunacy Commission," be and the same are hereby respectively repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read, respectively, as follows:

17. Said Commission shall appoint a Secretary, who shall be a qualified physician and who at the time of his appointment shall have had at least two years of actual experience in the treatment of mental diseases; he shall record the transactions of the Commission and perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Commission. His salary shall be \$2,500 per annum, and \$2,500.00 per annum or so much thereof as may be necessary in addition to the salary of the Secretary shall be allowed for expenses to be accounted for annually to the Comptroller of the State.

18. Said Lunacy Commission shall make such by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with this article, as it may deem proper. The Commission 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 Commission to the secretary. There shall be semi-annual meetings, which it shall be the duty of the Lunacy Commission 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 Lunacy Commission, or at such other place as said Commission may designate.

19. The Lunacy Commission 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 this Act; said Commission 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 Commission shall furthermore secure to the insane in this State all their rights and privileges as involuntary wards of the State.