

stitution under the provisions of the preceding Sections of this Article and still confined therein, to exercise all of the powers conferred upon them by Section 3A of this Article with respect to persons hereafter to be so committed, to the end that payment for the future maintenance and support of such persons while in such institutions may be required, made, collected, and accounted for as in the case of persons hereafter to be committed under the provisions of said Section 3A.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 37 and 41 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Lunacy Commission," be and the same hereby are respectively repealed and respectively re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

37. The medical superintendent or chief officer of any institution, hospital, home or retreat for the insane may receive and detain therein for purpose of care and treatment any person who is desirous of submitting himself for treatment and makes application therefor in writing, at the expense of such person, or the expense of his relatives or friends, or of the County in which such person resides upon the consent of the County Commissioners thereof, or of the City of Baltimore, if such person resides therein, upon the consent of the Supervisors of City Charities. No such person shall be detained for more than three days after having given notice of his or her desire and intention to leave such institution unless such person shall in the meantime have been legally committed upon and after due notice to him or her on the request of his or her relatives or friends, in accordance with Section 31 of this article regulating the commitment and detention of the insane in hospitals and asylums; nor shall any person be received or detained as a voluntary patient whose mental condition is such, or becomes such, that such person cannot comprehend the act of voluntary commitment, or be able to request his or her discharge, or give continuous assent to detention. Every such voluntary patient so admitted shall be reported to the Lunacy Commission as provided in cases legally committed, and shall be further reported to the Lunacy Commission with a statement of the mental condition of said person at the end of each three months of said patient's residence in the institution to which he or she has requested admission, and when discharged therefrom, a copy of this Section shall be read or exhibited to every person requesting admission to any institution in accordance with its provisions.