

41. Whenever in the opinion of any medical superintendent or chief medical officer of any institution, hospital, asylum, home or retreat for the insane it may be for the benefit of any patient to grant such patient leave of absence or parole, on trial, such parole may be granted for a period not exceeding six months, or such further period or periods for which said parole may be renewed at the option of the medical superintendent or chief officer, upon application in writing, endorsed by the relatives, friends or other persons at whose instance the said patient was first committed, and who shall obligate themselves to give him or her proper care during the period of such parole or any renewal or renewals thereof. Any such patient may be returned by his friends or brought back by the duly designated officers of the institution from which he has been paroled at or before the expiration of the period of parole, as provided for the return of patients who have escaped from institutions, asylums, hospitals, homes or retreats for the insane within this State.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That two new Sections be and the same hereby are added to Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Maryland Asylum and Training School for Feeble-Minded," the same to follow immediately after Section 46 of said Article and sub-title, to be known respectively as Sections 46A and 46B, and to read as follows:

46A. The Orphans' Court or County Commissioners of the City or County in which idiotic, imbecile or feeble-minded persons may reside who shall hereafter be received into the Maryland Asylum and Training School for the Feeble-Minded under the provisions of Section 46 of this Article, shall have full power and authority and it shall be their duty to exercise, with respect to such persons, all the powers conferred and the duties imposed upon the County Commissioners and the Supervisors of City Charities by Section 3A of this Act, to the end that payment for the maintenance and support of such idiotic, imbecile or feeble-minded persons, while in said Maryland Asylum and Training School for the Feeble-Minded, may be required, made, collected, and accounted for as in the case of persons embraced within the provisions of said Section 3A.

46B. Such Orphans' Court or County Commissioners, as the case may be, shall have full power and authority, in the case of all persons heretofore sent to the Maryland Asylum and