

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect October 1st, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

CHAPTER 699.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 4 and 6 of Article 59 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, of 1888, codified as Sections 4 and 6 of Article 59 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1910, title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Insanity as a Defense in Criminal Cases."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 4 and 6 of Article 59 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1888, codified as Sections 4 and 6 of Article 59 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1910, title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Insanity as a Defense in Criminal Cases" be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. When any person indicted for a crime, offense or misdemeanor shall allege insanity or lunacy in his or her defense, the jury impaneled to try such person shall find by their verdict whether such person was at the time of the commission of the alleged offense or still is insane, lunatic or otherwise. The judge of the court in which such indictment is pending shall have full power and authority at any time before trial to order an examination of the mental condition of such person by the lunacy commission, which examination shall be made in the same manner and under the same conditions as examinations of convicts are now required to be made by the said lunacy commission when summoned to do so by the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary or House of Correction, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 715 of the Acts of 1910, codified as Section 44 of Article 59 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1910.

SEC. 6. Whenever any person charged with the commission of any crime, offense or misdemeanor shall appear to the court or be alleged to be a lunatic or insane, or if the court shall have any reason to suspect that such person may be a lunatic or insane the court may cause the lunacy commission to inquire