

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Lunatics and Insane," to come in after Section 7 of said Article 59, and to be known as Section 7-A thereof, and that Sections 8, 9, 40 and 44 of said Article 59 be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so that said Sections 7-A, 8, 9, 40 and 44 of said Article 59, as so enacted, shall read as follows:

SECTION 7-A. Whenever any person shall be arrested and brought before a judge of any court of this State or before any justice of the peace of this State, having criminal jurisdiction, charged with any offense, and such person shall appear to be or be alleged to be insane or lunatic, and shall be committed in default of bail to await further proceedings in such court or before such justice or elsewhere, the said judge or justice shall commit him to the jail of the county or city where the charge is pending, or to such institution for the care of the insane as may from time to time be designated by the State Lunacy Commission. The said State Lunacy Commission shall be notified of such commitment, and shall thereupon examine such person, and as soon as said Commission shall determine whether such person is insane or lunatic, and in every case within two weeks after said Commission shall have been so notified as aforesaid, said Commission shall report its findings to the court or justice then having jurisdiction of the charge against such person. If said Commission shall find such person insane or lunatic, he shall remain in the institution to which he shall have been committed as aforesaid, or in some other institution to which he may be transferred on the recommendation of said Commission, until he shall be tried or until the court shall in its discretion give the direction provided for in Section 6 of this Article. If, however, such person shall be found by said Commission to be sane, the court or justice then having jurisdiction of the charge against such person shall order him transferred to the jail of the county or city in which such charge shall then be pending. In all cases not punishable by death or confinement in the Penitentiary, the examination provided for in this section and in Sections 4 and 6 of this Article may be made by the Superintendent of any institution for the care of the insane in which such person may be confined pending trial, instead of by the said State Lunacy Com-