

of the Board of Welfare of the obligation to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties; requiring the Director of Welfare and the treasurer of said Board to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties; authorizing the Board of Welfare to select a treasurer; requiring the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene to report annually to the Director of Welfare, and authorizing the Director of Welfare to call joint meetings of the Board of Welfare and the Board of Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 1, 2, 4 and 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1922, title "The Department of Welfare", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

SEC. 1. The Department of Welfare is hereby established. The head of this Department shall be the Board of Welfare, consisting of the Director of the Department, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board and six associate members, who shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation, who shall each be not less than thirty years of age, interested and preferably, experienced in social welfare, and at least one of whom shall be a woman. The Director and Chairman of the Board, and the associate members thereof, shall all be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, except that the appointments first made hereunder shall be made by the Governor alone on the taking effect of this Act, and these terms of office shall begin then. The Director first appointed shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualify, and thereafter the term of the Director shall be four years. The associate members first appointed shall be so classed by the Governor that the terms of office of two shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1924, the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1926, and the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1928, and thereafter in each case the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint two associate members in the place of the two whose terms shall so expire, and thereafter the terms of the associate members shall be six years, respectively. Vacancies in said Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor may remove any member of said Board for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, giving