

“business” shall include business, profession, occupation and calling of every kind.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from June 1, 1929.

Approved April 11, 1929.

CHAPTER 518.

AN ACT to add a new section to be known as Number 117A, to Article 16, title “Chancery,” Bagby’s Code of the Public General Laws, Edition of 1924, sub-title “Non Compos Mentis,” to follow immediately after Section 117 defining the powers of Courts of Equity in Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of Bagby’s Code of the Public General Laws, Edition of 1924, title “Chancery,” sub-title “Non Compos Mentis,” said new section to be known as 117A to follow immediately after Section 117 of said Article, and to read as follows:

117A. The Court shall have power also to appoint a Committee or Trustee to take charge of and manage the property of any person incompetent by reason of a mental disability.

The Application therefor, may be made by next friend, shall be by petition under oath, accompanied by certificates, sworn to and subscribed by two medical doctors practicing in the State of Maryland, for the last five years or two attending neuropsychiatrists, one of whom shall have attended the alleged incompetent within the ten days before the filing of the petition.

Such certificates shall set out the cause, nature, extent and probable duration of the incompetency. The petition shall set out the reasons for the application and the kind, quantity and value of the property to be cared for and managed. The Court shall pass an order, (a) directing the alleged incompetent to be summoned within ten days, (b) requiring that within the same time a copy of the summons, petition and order shall be left with the person with whom the alleged incompetent resides, unless residing with the petitioner, in which event, the Court shall name some other person with whom such copies shall be left, (c) setting the petition for hearing on or after fifteen days from the date of the order, (d) and allowing an appearance and answer at any time before or after decree. The Court shall have