

“Department of Welfare”; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 15 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1924 Edition), title “Lunatics and Insane,” sub-title “Board of Mental Hygiene”; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 41 of said Article, and to add a new section to Article 59 of the Annotated Code, (1924 Edition) to be known as Section 19A, to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, to vest the supervision, direction and control of the State Hospitals for the Insane in the Board of Mental Hygiene; to provide for the appointment of Superintendents and medical personnel for such institutions, and for the transfer of such personnel from one institution to another.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 8, 10, 11 and 13 of Article 44 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1924 Edition), title “Hospital—Maryland,” be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That Sections 19 and 20 of Article 44 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1924 Edition), title “Hospital—Maryland,” sub-title “Springfield State Hospital,” be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 704 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title “Crimes and Punishments,” sub-title “Department of Welfare,” be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 15 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title “Lunatics and Insane,” sub-title “Board of Mental Hygiene,” be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

15. There shall be a Board of Mental Hygiene, which shall have supervision over all institutions, public, corporate or private in which insane persons are detained.

Said Board of Mental Hygiene shall consist of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board, and six associate members. Three at least of said Board shall be appointed from the City of Baltimore, four at least of said Board shall be physicians and graduates of some legally authorized medical college, and must also have been in the actual practice of their profession at least five years consecutively just preceding their appointment; one of said physicians so chosen shall