

safer care or more adequate treatment in another State hospital for mental patients, he may order such transfer after notifying the family or guardian that the transfer is to be made. In each case the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall notify the county or city to which the patient's maintenance is charged of such transfer.

It shall be unlawful to convey any woman patient to any institution, asylum, hospital, home or retreat for the insane, or to transfer any woman patient from or to any such place, except such woman patient be accompanied by some relative, friend or nurse of the same sex. This shall not apply to any woman patient accompanied by her father, husband or adult brother or son.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That a new Section be, and the same is hereby added to Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Lunatics and Insane," sub-title "Board of Mental Hygiene," to be known as Section 19A, to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, and to read as follows:

19A. Spring Grove State Hospital, Springfield State Hospital, the Eastern Shore State Hospital and Crownsville State Hospital shall hereafter exercise their functions under the supervision, direction and control of the Board of Mental Hygiene. Each of said institutions shall continue under the management of their respective Board of Managers or Visitors, constituted as now by law provided and having and continuing to exercise the same rights, powers, duties, obligations or functions, except that all future appointments of Superintendents and physicians or medical officers shall be made by the board of managers or visitors of each institution, subject to the approval of the Board of Mental Hygiene, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Code. Each above mentioned institution shall submit to the Board of Mental Hygiene such reports, medical and financial, as the Board of Mental Hygiene may request. It shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Mental Hygiene to inform the Board of Mental Hygiene as to conditions in the above mentioned institutions and to order that such changes as seem desirable for the welfare of the patients, be, with the approval of the Board of Mental Hygiene, put into effect.

All appointments of physicians below the grade of Superintendent or Clinical Director to any State Hospital for mental patients shall be made subject to transfer from one institution to another by the Board of Mental Hygiene,