

enacted by Chapter 14 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1944, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

22. Any person confined in any State or licensed private institution for the care, custody or treatment of insane persons, and any veterans of any war, military occupation or expedition confined in any United States Veterans Hospital within the exterior geographical boundaries of the State of Maryland, or anyone in his behalf, including the Superintendent, chief officer, or physician in charge of such institution, may file a petition in the Circuit Court for any county or a Court of law in the City of Baltimore, requesting that the person so confined be brought before said Court for the purpose of having the sanity of such person determined, and the Court shall forthwith proceed to hear and determine the matter; provided, however, that if the person so confined, or anyone in his behalf, shall pray a jury trial, the Court shall empanel a jury of twelve men to be selected by the Court from the jurors then in attendance upon said Court, or if the Court is in recess, the jurors shall be selected from those in attendance at the term of Court at which said petition is heard. Any party in interest shall have the right to process to compel the attendance of witnesses. If the Court or jury, as the case may be, shall determine that such person is insane or is suffering from a mental disease, the Court shall order said person committed to the institution from which he immediately came, or to some other suitable institution, otherwise he shall be discharged.

34A. In addition to the methods otherwise provided by law for the commitment of lunatic or insane persons, such persons may be committed to institutions in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Whenever any person is shown to be a lunatic or insane by the certificates of two qualified physicians, as provided in Section 34 of this Article, the Superintendent, chief officer, or physician in charge of any State or licensed private institution for the care, custody or treatment of insane persons, or if such person is a veteran of any war, military occupation or expedition, the official in charge of any United States Veterans Hospital, within the exterior geographical boundaries of the State of Maryland, may receive and retain such person as a patient upon the written request of any member of his family, or near relative or friend, or the person with whom he resides, or an officer of any charitable institution or agency;