

quent offense. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to institute proceedings through the State's Attorney of Baltimore City and the State's Attorneys of the respective counties for the prosecution of any employment agent violating any of the provisions of Sections 268 to 277, inclusive, or of any regulations made and published by him pursuant to the provisions of Section 271.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration shall immediately, upon the taking effect of this Act, transfer to the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics all of the records in his office relating to the licensing of employment agencies.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 5, 1945.

CHAPTER 517.

(Senate Bill 64)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Inebriates", said new section to be known as Section 61A, and to follow immediately after Section 61 of said Article, relating to the commitment of persons charged with the commission of criminal offenses, who are suspected of suffering from acute or chronic alcoholism.

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 the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Inebriates", said new section to be known as Section 61A, to follow immediately after Section 61 of said Article, and to read as follows:

61A. When any person charged with the commission of a criminal offense is shown to the satisfaction of the judge before whom he is brought to be suffering from acute or chronic alcoholism, the said judge may commit him to one of the State hospitals for treatment and observation, under such terms and conditions as he may determine; provided, that no such commitment shall be made except by one of the judges