

consent of the Department of Welfare. No such person shall be detained for more than three days after having given notice of his or her desire and intention to leave such institution unless such person shall in the meantime have been legally committed upon and after due notice to him or her on the request of his or her relatives or friends, in accordance with Section 34 of this article regulating the commitment and detention of the insane in hospitals and asylums; nor shall any person be received or detained as a voluntary patient whose mental condition is such, or becomes such, that such person cannot comprehend the act of voluntary commitment, or be able to request his or her discharge, or give continuous assent to detention. Every such voluntary patient so admitted shall be reported to the Department of Mental Hygiene as provided in cases legally committed, and shall be further reported to the Department of Mental Hygiene with a statement of the mental condition of said person at the end of each three months of said patient's residence in the institution to which he or she has requested admission, and when discharged therefrom, a copy of this section shall be read or exhibited to every person requesting admission to any institution in accordance with its provisions.

42. The Department of Mental Hygiene shall divide the State of Maryland into such number of hospital districts which, in its discretion, the Department may deem advisable for the proper care and custody of the insane. Whenever the Department of Mental Hygiene shall deem it necessary to care more conveniently for the insane in the various hospitals, it may change the limits of such hospital districts. The Department shall notify the county commissioners of each county of the limits of the various districts.

47. Whenever the Board of Correction may deem it necessary it may request the Department of Mental Hygiene to examine and pass upon the mental condition of the convicts confined in the Penitentiary or House of Correction and if the convict or convicts so examined be adjudged insane or feeble-minded by said Department, and the removal of such convict or convicts be deemed advisable said Department shall order said Board of Correction to remove such insane or feeble-minded convict or convicts to some insane asylum within the State to be designated in such order of removal. All the expense incurred in the removal of such insane or feeble-minded convict or convicts shall be borne by said Board of Correction and the maintenance in such asylum of such insane or feeble-minded convict or convicts shall be met in the manner provided in this Article for other insane, lunatic or feeble-minded persons. If at any time after being removed