

the case may be, who shall account for and pay over the same to the State Treasurer on or before the first days of January, April, July and October in each and every year, and at the same time they shall report to the State Treasurer the name of each inmate on whose behalf such payments have been made, and the name of the institution in which he or she is confined; and the amount of such payments in excess of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00), provided by Section 44 of this Article, shall be paid to the State Treasurer and nothing contained in Sections 4, 5 and 6 shall be construed to affect in any way the obligation imposed by said Section 44 of this Article.] *Department of Mental Hygiene, and shall be accounted for and paid into the general funds of the State Treasury by the said department according to the procedure in effect for such accounting.*

[It is the intent of Sections 4, 5 and 6 that a husband may be liable for the support of a wife while an inmate of any such institution, a wife for a husband, a father or mother, or both for a son or daughter, and a son or daughter, or both, for a father or mother.]

(c) It is the intent of Sections 4, 5 and 6 that a husband may be liable for the support of a wife while she is an inmate of any such institution; a wife, for a husband; a father or mother, or both, for a son or daughter; and a son or daughter, or both, for a father or mother.

(d) In case the property or estate, or any property right, of any person committed to any of the said institutions as aforesaid is or are sufficient for his or her maintenance or support, in whole or in part, while in such institution, then the Department of Mental Hygiene [County Commissioners or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, as the case may be,] shall have power to institute and prosecute all proper proceedings, to subject the same thereto, and all payments made as a result of such proceedings shall be accounted for and paid as hereinbefore provided.

(e) Upon the death of any person committed to any of the said institutions as aforesaid, [the County Commissioners or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, as the case may be,] the Department of Mental Hygiene shall be entitled to make claim against the estate of any such person for his or her maintenance and support while in such institution, or for the balance due therefor if part has been paid. Such claim shall constitute a preferred claim against the estate of any such person, and all claims arising hereunder against the relatives and other persons legally chargeable with the maintenance and support of such inmates, shall constitute preferred claims against the estate of the person committed. ~~and/or the estate of the relative or other person legally chargeable.~~ All such claims may be waived by the [County Commissioners or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, as the case may be,] the Department of Mental Hygiene, in [their] its discretion, if in [their] its judgment the enforcement of the same will result in hardship to others, dependent upon those against whom such claims exist. All payments received as a result of the enforcement of such claims shall be accounted for and paid as hereinbefore provided.

(f) References in this section and elsewhere in this Article to the several counties or to boards of county commissioners or county