

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That on July 1, 1961 each person in a position, which by the provisions of this Act is placed in the merit system according to Article 64A of the Code, provided he then has held this position for a period of not less than the preceding six months, is a member of the classified service of this State and subject generally to the rights, duties, privileges and responsibilities provided for merit system employees in said Article 64A. The then employees in these several positions become merit system employees at that time without further appointment and without the necessity for any qualifying examination or other test of fitness.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved March 23, 1961.

CHAPTER 131

(Senate Bill 204)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Lunatics and Insane", sub-title "Department of Mental Hygiene", amending laws concerning operation of the several mental institutions in order to provide a special set of qualifications for the Superintendent of Rosewood State Training School.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 19 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Lunatics and Insane", sub-title "Department of Mental Hygiene", be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19.

Spring Grove State Hospital, Springfield State Hospital, the Eastern Shore State Hospital, Crownsville State Hospital, and Rosewood State Training School shall hereafter exercise their functions under the supervision, direction and control of the Department of Mental Hygiene. The several boards of managers of said institutions are hereby abolished and all property, real and personal, of every kind, held by said boards of managers of said institutions, as corporations, is hereby transferred to the State of Maryland. The tenure of office of the superintendent of each of said institutions shall expire on June 1, 1949, and on said date the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, upon recommendation of the advisory board, shall appoint a superintendent for each of said institutions. Upon every occurrence of a vacancy thereafter in the position of superintendent of any of said institutions, the Commissioner, upon recommendation of the advisory

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.