

TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS, AND TO THEIR APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, TENURE AND REPLACEMENT IN CASE OF VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Lunatics and Insane," subtitle "Department of Mental Hygiene," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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, *Henryton State Hospital*, and Rosewood State Hospital 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~~ MENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE. UPON EVERY occurrence of a vacancy ~~thereafter~~ in the position of superintendent of any of said institutions, the Commissioner, ~~upon recommendation of the advisory board~~ OF MENTAL HYGIENE, shall appoint the successor. Each superintendent, except the superintendent at Rosewood AND HENRYTON, shall be a trained psychiatrist and shall be familiar with the administration of institutions for the care and treatment of the insane. The superintendent of the Rosewood State Hospital shall be a physician, preferably qualified in psychiatry or pediatrics, and preferably with experience in the field of mental retardation and familiar with the administration of institutions for the care and treatment of the mentally retarded. *The qualifications of the superintendent of Henryton State Hospital shall be as determined by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene from time to time.* Their appointment shall not be subject to the provisions of the merit system law EXCEPT THAT THE PERSON WHO IS SUPERINTENDENT OF HENRYTON STATE HOSPITAL ON JUNE 1, 1963 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MERIT SYSTEM LAW, and they shall be subject to removal by the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene for incompetency or misconduct. Each of said superintendents shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the budget, shall be responsible to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene for the operation of the institution in his charge, and shall submit to the Department such reports, including medical and financial, as the Department of Mental Hygiene may request. It shall be the duty of each superintendent to inform the Department of Mental Hygiene of the conditions in his institution, and to order that such changes as seem desirable for the welfare of the patients be put into effect, with the approval of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

All other appointments of personnel at each of said institutions