

Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 318 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Interstate Compact on Mental Health," to read as follows:

*319. Interstate Compact on Mental Health*

*The Interstate Compact on Mental Health is enacted into law and entered into by this state with all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:*

**TEXT OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**320.** *"The contracting states solemnly agree that:*

*Article I*

**321.**

*"The party states find that the proper and expeditious treatment of the mentally ill and mentally deficient can be facilitated by cooperative action, to the benefit of the patients, their families, and society as a whole. Further, the party states find that the necessity of and desirability for furnishing such care and treatment bear no primary relation to the residence or citizenship of the patient but that, on the contrary, the controlling factors of community safety and humanitarianism require that facilities and services be made available for all who are in need of them. Consequently, it is the purpose of this compact and of the party states to provide the necessary legal basis for the institutionalization or other appropriate care and treatment of the mentally ill and mentally deficient under a system that recognizes the paramount importance of patient welfare and to establish the responsibilities of the party states in terms of such welfare.*

*Article II*

**322.** *"As used in this compact:*

(1) *"Sending state" shall mean a party state from which a patient is transported pursuant to the provisions of the compact or from which it is contemplated that a patient may be so sent.*

(2) *"Receiving state" shall mean a party state to which a patient is transported pursuant to the provisions of the compact or to which it is contemplated that a patient may be so sent.*

(3) *"Institution" shall mean any hospital or other facility maintained by a party state or political subdivision thereof for the care and treatment of mental illness or mental deficiency.*

(4) *"Patient" shall mean any person subject to or eligible as determined by the laws of the sending state, for institutionalization or other care, treatment, or supervision pursuant to the provisions of this compact.*

(5) *"After-care" shall mean care, treatment and services provided a patient, as defined herein, on convalescent status or conditional release.*

(6) *"Mental illness" shall mean mental disease to such extent that a person so afflicted requires care and treatment for his own welfare, or the welfare of others, or of the community.*