

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution are sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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No. 57

(House Joint Resolution 44)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to establish a Commission to prepare substantive changes, as necessary, in the mental health laws of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Medical science has made and is continuing to make great progress in the field of mental health, thus bringing about an increased understanding of the nature and causes of mental illness, and the methods of treatment useful in the alleviation or cure of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland laws relating to mental illness, and more particularly those found in Article 59 of the Annotated Code, are to a great extent of ancient origin, and in many instances archaic, and do not reflect current thinking in the field of mental health; and

WHEREAS, To bring the laws of this State into consonance with the discoveries of medical science in the field of mental health, substantive changes in the law are necessary; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to establish a Commission of eleven persons to prepare a revision of the mental health laws of this State, both as to substance and to form where necessary, for submission to the General Assembly at the 1967 Session thereof; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Governor of Maryland appoint five persons, skilled in the law and in the field of mental health, to serve on said Commission, and that the Speaker of the House appoint three members of the House of Delegates, and that the President of the Senate appoint three Senators to serve on said Commission; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to allocate to the Commission, funds sufficient for it to carry out its functions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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No. 58

(House Joint Resolution 47)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a commission to undertake a study and review of the feasibility of establishing a Maryland Veterans' Home, and the creation of a Board of Managers to administer said home.