

CHAPTER 556

(Senate Bill 653)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Lunatics and Insane," subtitle "Department of Mental Hygiene," to add the Maryland Metropolitan Washington Mental Retardation Center to those hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene, to appoint a superintendent thereof and to set out his qualifications.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Lunatics and Insane," subtitle "Department of Mental Hygiene," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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, *and the Maryland Metropolitan Washington Mental Retardation Center*, shall hereafter exercise their functions under the supervision, direction and control of the Department of Mental Hygiene. Upon every occurrence of a vacancy in the position of superintendent of any of said institutions, the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, shall appoint the successor. Each superintendent, except the superintendent at Rosewood [and] , Henryton, *and the Maryland Metropolitan Washington Mental Retardation Center*, 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 *and the Maryland Metropolitan Washington Mental Retardation Center* 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 shall be made by the superintendent thereof under the provision of