

DRUGS, THE COMMITMENT SHALL BE MADE BY THE JUDGE ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MENTAL HOSPITAL TO WHICH THE COMMITMENT IS TO BE MADE.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 625
(House Bill 48)

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 1(83) of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended, being also Section 70-95 of the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition), title "Montgomery County," subtitle "Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," and Section 59-89 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Park and Planning Commission," to provide for the granting of variances by the district council of Montgomery County or its designee, and to provide procedures for appeal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1(83) of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended, being also Section 70-95 of the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition), title "Montgomery County," subtitle "Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," and Section 59-89 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Park and Planning Commission," be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

70-95. (59-89)

A district council, in its zoning regulations, may provide that the board of zoning appeals or the district council, or in Montgomery County, an administrative office *or agency* designated by the district council, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate principals, standards, rules, conditions, and safeguards set forth in the regulations, may [make] *either grant or deny, upon such conditions as may be deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this Chapter, special exceptions and variances* to the provisions of the zoning regulations in harmony with their general purposes and intent. The decisions of the administrative office *or agency* in Montgomery County shall be subject to an appeal to *either* the board of appeals [.] *or such other administrative body as may be designated by the district council, and such appeal shall follow that procedure which may, from time to time, be determined by the district council.* The district council may also authorize the board of zoning appeals to interpret the zoning maps or pass upon disputed questions of lot lines or district boundary lines or similar questions as they arise in the administration of the regulations.