

*impairment in adaptive behavior. The term shall replace the terms "defective," "mental defective," "idiot," "feble-minded" and "moron" as they may appear in the statutes of the State of Maryland.*

(j) *"Mentally retarded person" means a person in whom there has been found by comprehensive evaluation in a designated comprehensive evaluation center, a condition of mental retardation of such a nature and degree as to constitute a substantial, continuing, prospective, educational, vocational and social handicap.*

(k) *"Parent" means the natural or ~~adoptive~~ ADOPTIVE mother or father of a minor child.*

(l) *"Placement" means an arrangement made by the Director or his designee for the supervised care of a mentally retarded person in an approved foster home, boarding home, resident employment or in any other facility approved by the Mental Retardation Administration.*

(m) *"Release" means any discharge, or other departure from a residential facility or a Veterans' Administration Hospital, by and with the consent of someone having authority to consent to such discharge or departure whether on a permanent or temporary, absolute or conditional basis.*

(n) *"Responsible relative" means for the purpose of reimbursement of cost of care and treatment, the spouse of a mentally retarded person, parent or parents of a mentally retarded person when the mentally retarded person is under 21 years of age. No liability shall be imposed by this definition on the spouse or child of any patient who has been abandoned by that patient. Abandonment as used herein shall be defined by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.*

(o) *"Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland.*

(p) *"Treatment" means any process by which education, training, professional care or attention is given to any person in a facility or any other place.*

#### *Organization and Administration of the Mental Retardation Administration*

#### *4. Jurisdiction*

*Specific jurisdiction with regard to administration and supervision of the care, custody, and treatment of the mentally retarded shall be delegated to the Mental Retardation Administration which shall be a part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of the State.*

#### *5. General Responsibility of the Mental Retardation Administration*

*The Administration is charged with overall responsibility for the programs for the mentally retarded, and shall have licensing power over all private facilities which purport to or do provide treatment for mentally retarded persons.*

#### *6. Rules and Regulations*

*The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall make such rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this ar-*