SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 42A be and it is hereby added to Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), (1972 REPLACE-MENT VOLUME), title "Mental Hygiene," subtitle "Financing of Mental Health Services," to follow immediately after Section 42 thereof, and to read as follows:

42A.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who is financially responsible for the maintenance of a mentally retarded patient in a State institution shall be charged in accordance with either of the following schedules, at the option of the legally liable person.

Gross Mo.	Schedule	Based	on	Gross	Monthly	Income
Income						

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More		Less	2	_3	_4	5		7	8
Than		Than	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.	Dep.
\$ 500	_	<i>575</i>	\$16.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>575</i>	-	<i>650</i>	22.40	16.00		-			
650	_	725	25.60	22.40	19.20	16.00			
725	_	800	32.00	28.80	22.40	19.20	16.00		
800	_	875	35.20	32.00	28.80	25.60	22.40	16.00	-
875	-	950	43.20	39.20	35.20	32.00	25.60	22.40	19.20
950	-	1025	56.00	49.60	43.20	35.20	32.00	28.80	25.60
1025	-	1100	72.00	64.00	49.60	43.20	39.20	35.20	32.00
<i>1100</i>	-	1175	88.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	49.60	43.20	35.20
1175	-	<i>1250</i>	91.00	88.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	49.60	43.20
1250	-	1325	94.00	94.00	91.00	88.00	72.00	64.00	56.00
1325	-	1400	94.00	94.00	94.00	91.00	88.00	80.00	72.00
1400	-	1475	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	91.00	88.00
1475	_	1550	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	91.00
1550		_	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00

Schedule Based on Taxable Income Under Federal Internal Revenue Code

Monthly Rate of
Contribution
\$16.00
22.40
<i>28.80</i>
<i>35.20</i>
43.20
56.00
72.00
88.00
94.00

No person whose taxable income per annum is less than four thousand dollars shall be charged for support under this schedule. As used in this subsection, "taxable income" means that term as defined for purposes of the federal internal revenue code.

(b) A legally liable person shall establish his taxable income by either furnishing a certified copy of his federal income tax return