

or by sworn affidavit as to the taxable income reported on his federal income tax return.

(c) Any modification of liability for charges based on the federal income tax return shall become effective as of the first day of May in each calendar year.

(d) Each legally liable person shall elect which schedule he is to be billed under on forms to be furnished by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the election to become effective as of the beginning of the next succeeding calendar year. Any election shall remain in force until modified by the legally liable person and any modification shall become effective at the beginning of the calendar year next succeeding the year during which it is made. If a legally liable person fails to elect within the time limited, the Secretary shall determine which schedule to apply.

(e) For purposes of this subsection both parents of a patient shall be considered a single legally liable relative. Liability of legally liable relatives, as such, for the support of a patient in a state residential facility for the retarded shall cease when the patient has reached the age of twenty-one or when support has been charged for a period or periods amounting to sixteen years, whichever occurs sooner.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1972~~, 1973.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 348

(Senate Bill 735)

AN ACT to repeal Section 234 (c) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Natural Resources," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 232 (b), 233 (a), 234 (d) and 235 (d) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Natural Resources," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 12A of Article 14B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "State Boat Act," and to add new Section 3 to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 2 thereof; and to repeal Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 13H, 13-I, 13J, and 13K of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 6 (b) and 12 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs," to be under the same title and subtitle, but to