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[(e) District Court judges shall have authority as provided by law concerning the admitting of persons to emergency and/or mental health facilities.]

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new subsection (h) be and it is hereby added to Section 22 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Mental Hygiene," subtitle "Emergency Admissions," to follow immediately after subsection (g) thereof, and to read as follows:

(G) DISTRICT COURT JUDGES HAVE THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY LAW CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO EMERGENCY OR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 640

(House Bill 1454)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5C of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Natural Resources," relating generally to the regulation of off-road vehicles and to the duty of the Secretary of Natural Resources to identify adequate areas for use by the general public for operation of motorcycles and snowmobiles.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 5C of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Natural Resources," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5C.

The Secretary of Natural Resources shall promulgate regulations regarding the operation of off-road vehicles as defined in §578A of Article 27 of this Code on property owned or under the control of the Department of Natural Resources, and the Secretary shall, on or before January 1, [1973] [[1974]] 1975, designate and properly identify adequate areas for use by the general public for operation of MOTORCYCLES AND snowmobiles on the property heretofore defined. Violation of such regulations shall include a penalty of a fine of up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). However, off-road vehicles shall not be permitted where their operation will damage the wildland character of the property nor where the noise from their operation will be audible to OR INTERFERE WITH THE USE OF picnic or camping areas open to public use.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.