

admitted under the provisions of this subtitle, shall make and retain in a separate and secure area of the facility, complete records of each such patient. Such records shall contain copies of all data required by this article, and such additional information as may be required by the Department. Such records shall be open for inspection by persons designated by the Commissioner and in accordance with the provisions of [the Privileged Communications Act, Article 35, § 13A,] §9-109 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE OF THE CODE, but shall be closed to all other persons.

51.

No patient in any facility shall be deprived of his right to vote, receive, hold and dispose of property unless he has been declared to be incompetent by a court in accordance with the provisions of [Article 16 of this Code] THE COURTS ARTICLE OF THE CODE.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 17, 35 of Article 59A - Mental Retardation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 59A - Mental Retardation

17.

Each facility which has any persons admitted under the provisions of this subtitle, shall make and retain in a separate and secure area of the facility, complete records of each person. Such records shall contain copies of all data required by this article, and such additional information as may be required by the Administration. Such records shall be open for inspection by persons designated by the director and in accordance with the provisions of the Privileged Communications Act, Article 35, § 13A, of the Code] §9-109 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE OF THE CODE, but shall be closed to all other persons.

35.

No mentally retarded person in any facility shall be deprived of his right to vote, receive, hold and dispose of property unless he has been declared to be incompetent by a court in accordance with the provisions of [Article 16 of this Code] THE COURTS ARTICLE OF THE CODE.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section