

157.

(c) Officers and personnel. The Commission shall elect one of its members as chairman[, and] AND ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS VICE CHAIRMAN, WHO SHALL SERVE IN THE ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF THE CHAIRMAN. THE COMMISSION shall appoint, discharge at pleasure and fix the compensation of a director, a secretary, a treasurer, a chief engineer, and engineering, legal, clerical and other personnel and help which the Commission deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. The creation of any new position by the Commission is subject to the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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CHAPTER 568

(House Bill 1505)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Retardation Administration - Respite Care  
Beds in Residential Facilities

FOR the purpose of reserving a certain ~~number~~ percentage of beds for respite care in certain facilities under the jurisdiction of the Mental Retardation Administration.

BY adding to

Article 59A - Mental Retardation  
Section 19(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 19(c) be and it is hereby added to Article 59A - Mental Retardation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 59A - Mental Retardation

19.

(C) ONE OUT OF EVERY 25 BEDS, OR AT LEAST 2 PERCENT, BUT NOT TO EXCEED 4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BEDS