

regional mental hospital which serves this area shall be ex officio members of the committee. Whenever the advisory committee is concerned with more than one psychiatric hospital center or hospital center inpatient unit, representatives from each of these units shall serve on a rotating basis. With the exception of Baltimore City, these rotating representatives shall be appointed by the [Commissioner] DIRECTOR of Mental Hygiene ADMINISTRATION. With respect to Baltimore City, the commissioner of health of Baltimore City may appoint one representative of the city's community mental health centers to serve as an ex officio member. The local health officer shall provide staff services to the committee and facilitate the work of the committee in every way possible.

(2) Two or more counties by agreement of the governing bodies concerned and upon the consent of the [Commissioner] DIRECTOR of Mental Hygiene ADMINISTRATION, with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, may establish a community mental health program and an intercounty advisory committee, if the population of one of the counties is too small to warrant establishment of an independent program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

CHAPTER 324

(House Bill 225)

AN ACT concerning

Related Institutions - Admissions Restrictions

FOR the purpose of enabling the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to restrict admissions to a related institution having a life threatening health or fire safety deficiency; providing for a hearing on the restriction on request of certain persons; requiring correction of the deficiency; providing for a hearing on the corrective action; and authorizing revocation of the license and removal of patients from the facility for failure to correct the deficiency.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 560A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)