

program shall be used for recreation and open space purposes by the department, [and] the St. Mary's City Commission, AND THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION FUND. Except as provided in subsection (c)(1), any funds the General Assembly appropriates to the state under the program shall be used only for land acquisition projects. A portion of the state's share of funds available under this program shall be utilized to make grants to THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURAL EASEMENTS AND Baltimore City for projects which meet park purposes. The grants shall be in addition to any funds Baltimore City is eligible to receive under subsection (b), and may be used for acquisition or development. In order for Baltimore City to be eligible for a state grant, the department shall review projects or land to be acquired within Baltimore City, and upon the department's recommendation, the Board of Public Works may approve projects and land including the cost. Title to the land shall be in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City. The state is not responsible for costs involved in the development or maintenance of the land.

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

Approved May 29, 1978.

CHAPTER 821

(Senate Bill 708)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Health - Geriatric Evaluation Unit

FOR the purpose of defining a geriatric evaluation unit; granting certain authority to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Administration; requiring that certain findings be made before persons of a certain age can be ~~involuntarily~~ voluntarily admitted to a ~~Veterans' Administration~~ public hospital or facility for the treatment of a mental disorder; exempting certain persons from review by a geriatric evaluation unit; requiring an evaluation of all persons of a certain age seeking involuntary admission to a ~~Veterans' Administration~~ public hospital or facility for the treatment of a mental disorder; and providing certain circumstances upon which these persons can be denied voluntary admission to a public facility; ~~requiring that certain findings be made prior to the release of persons of a certain age from certain facilities; and generally relating to the review of the admission and release of aged persons from institutions for the treatment of mental disorders by a geriatric~~