

~~evaluation unit.~~

BY adding to

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene
Section ~~3(e-1)~~ (n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene
Section 11(b), and 12(a), ~~and 15~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

3.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears:

~~(E-1) "GERIATRIC EVALUATION UNIT" MEANS A TEAM OF PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY. THIS TEAM OF PERSONS SHALL HAVE THE REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS TO PERFORM THE DUTIES REQUIRED OF IT BY THIS ARTICLE.~~

(N) "GERIATRIC EVALUATION UNIT" MEANS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY IN LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PERSONS IN ORDER TO ASSIST SUCH PERSONS TO OBTAIN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE AND MOST APPROPRIATE RESOURCES ADEQUATE TO THEIR NEEDS.

11.

(k) (1) A person may not be admitted under the provisions of this section unless his condition is such that he is able to understand the nature of his request for admission, is able to request his release, and is capable of giving continuous assent to his retention by the facility.

(2) [On or after July 1, 1977, persons 65 years of age and older may be involuntarily or voluntarily admitted to a facility only if their admission is recommended by a geriatric evaluation unit.]

(I) IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE PERSON TO BE ADMITTED IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THE ADMISSION TO ANY ~~VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION~~ PUBLIC HOSPITAL OR FACILITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS