

(b) The Court [shall have power] MAY, subject to the provisions of this article, [to] adopt [such] reasonable rules of procedure relating to pleadings, notices, hearings, and arguments [as it may deem proper]. AFTER JUNE 30, 1980, THE COURT MAY NOT ADOPT ANY NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE, EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.

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CHAPTER 284

(Senate Bill 87)

AN ACT concerning

Resident Abuse - Mentally Retarded Persons  
in Certain Facilities

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of mental health facility; providing for the reporting and investigation of abuse of mentally retarded persons in ~~mental-health~~ certain facilities; providing immunity from civil liability for certain persons; ~~providing--certain penalties--for--the--violation--of--this--Act~~; and generally relating to the abuse of mentally retarded persons in ~~mental-health~~ certain facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene  
Section 52A(a)(3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 59A - Mental Retardation  
Section 12A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

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