

(Senate Bill 217)

AN ACT concerning

Office on Aging - Guardianship of the Person Advisory Board

FOR the purpose of allowing the Director on Aging to appoint a Guardianship Advisory Board to assist with guardianship decision-making; providing for certain membership of the Board; providing that a Board member shall be immune from civil liability under certain conditions; and permitting certain expenses to be paid to Advisory Board members.

BY adding to

Article 70B - Office on Aging
Section 24
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 70B - Office on Aging

24.

(A) THERE IS A GUARDIANSHIP ADVISORY BOARD.

(B) THE DIRECTOR ON AGING SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE AN ATTORNEY CURRENTLY ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN MARYLAND, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A PHYSICIAN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN MARYLAND, AND ONE OF WHOM IS NEITHER AN ATTORNEY NOR PHYSICIAN.

(C) THE GUARDIANSHIP ADVISORY BOARD ~~SHALL~~ MAY ADVISE THE DIRECTOR REGARDING THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE GUARDIAN OF PERSONS UNDER SECTION 13-707 OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE.

(D) THE MEMBERS OF THE GUARDIANSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(E) ANY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS DUTIES IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY AS A RESULT OF THOSE ACTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.