

Minors - Mental Health Facilities

FOR the purpose of removing an exception to the requirement that minors not be housed with adults in facilities providing residential psychiatric treatment; clarifying language; and correcting a reference.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene  
 Section 37(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 59 - Mental Hygiene

37.

(a) (1) [Unless the individualized treatment plan developed pursuant to Section 3A of Article 59 of the Code indicates otherwise, any] ANY person under 18 years of age who is admitted, committed, confined or in any manner housed in any public facility AS DEFINED IN § 31 OF THIS ARTICLE under the general jurisdiction of the [Commissioner] DIRECTOR OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION or any similar appropriate public facility providing residential psychiatric treatment shall be placed in a ward, unit or other accommodations for minors, separate and apart from patients 18 years of age or older, or in some other manner be placed in accommodations separate and apart from patients 18 years of age and older.

(2) In addition unless the individualized treatment plan DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO § 3A OF THIS ARTICLE indicates otherwise, the child may not be HOUSED AND treated in any group with persons who are 18 years of age or older.

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

Approved May 19, 1981.

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CHAPTER 536

(Senate Bill 446)

AN ACT concerning