professional judgment of practitioners are subject to significant improvement through short-term therapy. These benefits must be at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) [With] WITH respect to benefits for confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, the period of confinement for which benefits are payable shall be at least [thirty (30)] 30 days in any calendar year or benefit period; (2) with respect to major medical expense coverage, benefits, after the applicable deductible, for covered expenses arising from all those services, other than inpatient, which are rendered to treat acute mental illness and emotional disorders, shall be at a rate which is not less than 50 percent of the benefits which the policy provides for other types of illness.

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

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 727

(Senate Bill 573)

AN ACT concerning

Low-Level Nuclear Waste Disposal

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not engage in any activity that produces or generates low-level nuclear waste and prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene from registering or licensing persons unless the Secretary--certifies Department of Health and Mental Hygiene adopts a rule certifying that certain criteria have been satisfied and the person engages in an activity producing the waste before a certain date; providing for public hearings; providing for the receipt and processing of certain applications; providing an-exception certain exceptions to this Act; providing for a certain committee of the General Assembly to disaffirm the Secretary's-findings Department's certification under certain conditions; requiring certain State agencies to cooperate with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in evaluating any technology or means for the permanent disposal of low-level nuclear waste; providing that this Act is supplemental to the powers of the Department; and generally relating to the availability of certain means for the disposal of low-level nuclear waste and the production or generation of low-level nuclear waste in this State.