

(e) [Following their appointment, all judges shall appear at the office of the board.] Each person shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed in Article [1, § 6] I, § 9 of the Constitution of Maryland. The oath shall be taken and subscribed to before one of the members of the board, or any clerks especially designated by the board for this purpose, and commissions shall thereupon be issued to the judges. In the discretion of the board, the oath may be taken and subscribed to upon forms to be supplied by the board [before any officer authorized by law to administer oaths;], SIGNED UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, and upon receipt of the form, duly executed, the board shall issue a commission therefor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 2, 1982.

CHAPTER 21

(House Bill 200)

AN ACT concerning

Health - General

FOR the purpose of adding a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the "Health - General Article", to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of this State relating and pertaining to general health matters, including matters relating to mental retardation, to mental hygiene, to nonretarded developmental disabilities, to incompetence and insanity in criminal cases, to juvenile services, to general day care for children, elderly individuals, and medically handicapped adults, to health care facilities, including hospitals, related institutions, home health agencies, chronic disease centers, health maintenance organizations, and centers for compulsive gamblers, to misuse of drugs and alcohol, to physical fitness, to disease prevention, to hereditary disorders, to high blood pressure, to kidney disease, to laboratories, including public health and clinical laboratories, medical laboratories, tissue banks, and medical test units, to vital records and statistics, to