

CHAPTER 405

(House Bill 375)

AN ACT concerning

**Mental-Hygiene---Residential-Placements-of-Individuals  
with-Mental-Disorders**

FOR-the-purpose-of-requiring-the-Director-of-the--Mental--Hygiene  
Administration--in--the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental  
Hygiene-to-prepare-by-a-certain-date-a-plan-for--residential  
placements-and-certain-other-placements-for-a-certain-number  
of--individuals--who--have--a-mental-disorder,-providing-for  
individuals--with--a--mental--disorder--to--be---placed---in  
residential--settings-under-this-Act,-and-generally-relating  
to-the-plan-for-residential-placements-for-individuals--with  
a-mental-disorder-

BY-repealing-and-reenacting,-without-amendments,-

Article---Health---General  
Section-10-101(f)  
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland  
(1982-Volume-and-1983-Supplement)

BY-adding-to

Article---Health---General  
Section--10-527--and--10-528--to-be-under-the-new-part-"Part  
III--Residential-Placements"  
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland  
(1982-Volume-and-1983-Supplement)

SECTION-1,---BE--IT--ENACTED--BY--THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--OF  
MARYLAND,-That-the-Laws-of-Maryland-read-as-follows-

Article---Health---General

10-101-

(f)-(1)--"Mental-disorder"--means-a-behavioral-or-emotional  
illness-that-results-from-a-psychiatric-or-neurological-disorder-

(2)--"Mental-disorder"--includes-a-mental-illness--that  
so--substantially--impairs-the-mental-or-emotional-functioning-of  
an-individual-as-to-make-care-or-treatment-necessary-or-advisable  
for-the-welfare-of-the-individual-or-for-the-safety-of-the-person  
or-property-of-another-

(3)--"Mental-disorder"--does---not---include---mental  
retardation-