

CHAPTER 325

(Senate Bill 92)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Law

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collect certain fees from a core service agency under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to retain fees collected for the care and treatment of individuals in mental hygiene facilities; allowing the Department to use the fees to maintain and operate mental hygiene facilities; repealing the authority of the Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration to establish certain districts corresponding to the availability of State facilities and to appoint certain mental health directors; and generally relating to the mental hygiene law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 10-204, 10-309, and 16-204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

10-204.

(a) The Director is responsible for carrying out the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Administration.

(b) The Director is responsible for supervising the custody, care, and treatment of individuals who have mental disorders.

(c) (1) The Director shall:

(i) Organize and manage the Administration in a manner that will enable it best to discharge its duties; and

(ii) Appoint the number of assistant directors and staff provided in the State budget.

(2) The Director may remove an assistant director for incompetence or misconduct.

(3) Unless expressly provided otherwise by law, the Director may assign to any subordinate unit or individual in the Administration any function that is imposed by law on the Director.