

Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 9, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 49**

**(House Bill 253)**

AN ACT concerning

**Mental Hygiene - Emergency Evaluation Petitions - Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors**

FOR the purpose of adding licensed clinical professional counselors to the professionals authorized to diagnose a mental disorder for purposes of seeking an emergency evaluation of an individual; authorizing licensed clinical professional counselors to petition for an emergency evaluation; authorizing licensed clinical professional counselors to sign and submit those petitions to peace officers; making conforming changes; and generally relating to emergency evaluation petitions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 10-601, 10-620, 10-622, 10-623, and 10-624

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

10-601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Clinical social worker" means an individual who is licensed under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article to practice clinical social work.

(c) "LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 3A OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PRACTICE CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING.

(D) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed under Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article to practice medicine in this State.

[(d)](E) "Psychologist" means an individual who is: