

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 371

(House Bill 483)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene - Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System in the Mental Hygiene Administration; requiring the crisis response system to use and coordinate certain services to develop an effective crisis response system to serve all individuals in the State; requiring the crisis response system to provide certain clinical interventions; requiring the crisis response system to respond quickly and effectively to community crisis situations; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to consult with certain entities in the development of the crisis response system; requiring the crisis response system to include crisis communication centers, emergency services, follow-up services, community awareness promotion and training programs, and a certain evaluation of outcomes of services; requiring services to be implemented as determined by certain core service agencies; providing that advance directives for mental health services apply to the delivery of services under this Act; providing that the State may not expend more than a certain amount of State general funds in implementing the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System; requiring the Administration to implement the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System in a certain manner; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 1-101(a), (c), and (j) and 10-101(a) and (b)

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BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 10-1401 through 10-1405, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 14. Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System"

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