

**CHAPTER 62**  
**(House Bill 852)**

AN ACT concerning

**Howard County - Mental Health Advisory Board**

**Ho. Co. 18-04**

FOR the purpose of granting the governing body of Howard County the authority to designate, under certain circumstances, the Howard County Mental Health Authority as the mental health advisory board for the county; and generally relating to the mental health advisory board in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 10-308

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

10-308.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the governing body of each county shall establish a mental health advisory committee.

(b) The purpose of a mental health advisory committee shall be to serve as advocate for a comprehensive mental health system for persons of all ages.

(c) The governing bodies of two or more counties may establish, by agreement, an intercounty mental health advisory committee if:

(1) The population of one of the counties is too small to warrant the establishment of a community mental health program for that county; and

(2) The Director consents.

(d) The governing body of a county may establish a joint mental health and addictions advisory committee.

(E) IN HOWARD COUNTY, IF A QUASI-PUBLIC AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 12 OF THIS TITLE, THE GOVERNING BODY MAY DESIGNATE THE AUTHORITY AS THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved April 13, 2004.