

sufficient to pay the amount due the State, it shall be the duty of the Department of Mental Hygiene to charge such delinquent county with a penalty of interest at one per centum per month upon the amount of indebtedness for each month until payment thereof and penalty thereon be paid. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer, upon the collection of the taxes herein required to be levied, to pay to the Department of Mental Hygiene the amount due and owing from his county quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year. All money collected by the Department of Mental Hygiene from Baltimore City or the counties under this section shall be accounted for and paid into the State treasury according to the procedures in effect for such accounting. Whenever the superintendent of any State institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene has held and treated a patient as from one county, and the county commissioners or county council of such county make claim that such patient is not a proper charge against the said county, and such county commissioners or county council shall notify the Department of Mental Hygiene that it is claimed by them that such patient is not a proper charge against their county, and shall claim that the said patient is a proper charge against some other county, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners or county council of each of said counties to file such proofs as they may have with the Department of Mental Hygiene within thirty days from the time of such notification and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Department of Mental Hygiene to investigate the question of the residence of such patient and to determine of what county said patient is a proper charge, and shall thereupon notify each of said counties of such determination, and shall notify the superintendent of the State [hospital for the insane or Rosewood State Training School] *institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene*, and the counties aforesaid shall thereafter treat and regard such patient as of the county according to the determination of the Department of Mental Hygiene, and if the Department of Mental Hygiene shall find that such patient is not a proper charge against any county of the State, such patient shall thereafter be regarded as a proper charge against the State. The amount incurred by any county of this State, or by the State for treatment and maintenance for any insane person in the State institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene shall be a charge against the estate of such person as provided in Sec. 5.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved February 16, 1959.

## CHAPTER 33

(Senate Bill 114)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37(w) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.