

Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, AND SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. [He] [[THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND SHALL BE QUALIFIED IN THE FUNCTIONS AND PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.]] THE [[COMMISSIONER]] DIRECTOR shall receive such salary as may be provided in the budget. [He shall serve until removed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary.] THE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

8.

The [[Commissioner]] DIRECTOR shall have the following powers and duties:

(c) He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Secretary, [a deputy commissioner of mental hygiene,] such assistant [[commissioners]] DIRECTORS as may be provided for in the budget. [The deputy Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.] The assistant [[commissioners]] DIRECTORS and the superintendents shall be subject to removal by the [[Commissioner]] DIRECTOR for incompetence or misconduct.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 9 be and it is hereby added to Article 59 - Mental Hygiene, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

9.

(A) THERE IS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HYGIENE IN THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(2) IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE COUNCIL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND GROUPS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH MENTAL HYGIENE, INCLUDING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION AND THAT THE COUNCIL COLLECTIVELY SHALL BE A STRONG ADVOCATE IN ENSURING A COMPREHENSIVE, BROAD-BASED APPROACH TO THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF MENTAL HYGIENE. THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM A BROAD RANGE OF AGENCIES AND INTERESTS, SUCH AS THE COURTS, POLICE, PROBATION OFFICES, CLERGY, LABOR, MANAGEMENT, LEGAL AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONS, MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS, AND OTHER GROUPS TO BE SERVED SUCH AS STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEE GROUPS, LOCAL