

important step in an effective program, the initiation of therapy is of equal importance. Therapy must follow awareness or blood pressure cannot be controlled. Moreover, treatment must be continued over a long period of time. Continuous outreach is needed to find new, "unaware" hypertensives even as previously diagnosed hypertensives are maintained on therapy; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 871 through 874, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "High Blood Pressure Commission" be and they are hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE COMMISSION

871.

(A) THE COMMISSION ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS CREATED.

(B) THE COMMISSION ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COMMISSION, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ~~[[12]]~~ ~~[[13]]~~ 14 MEMBERS. THE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIX AT HIS DISCRETION AND ~~[[SIX]]~~ ~~[[SEVEN]]~~ EIGHT FROM NOMINATIONS AS PROVIDED BELOW. EACH MEMBER SHALL SERVE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED, EXCEPT THAT IN THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS THREE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR, THREE FOR TWO YEARS, THREE FOR THREE YEARS, AND THREE FOR FOUR YEARS AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED. A MEMBER MAY NOT BE APPOINTED TO MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS. THE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD TRAVEL REGULATIONS, FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(C) OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS, EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SHALL SUBMIT A LIST OF THREE NAMES AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL CHOOSE ONE MEMBER FROM EACH LIST. THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE:

(1) AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - MARYLAND AFFILIATE, INC.;

(2) CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY OR ITS SUCCESSOR (THE STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL);

(3) MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND;

(4) MARYLAND CONFERENCE OF HEALTH OFFICERS;