

AN ACT concerning

Geriatric Evaluation Services

FOR the purpose of [[establishing geriatric evaluation service for elderly persons who are under consideration for admission to certain related institutions; and generally relating to the voluntary and involuntary admission of elderly persons to mental institutions.]] requiring that elderly persons receive recommendations from geriatric evaluation units as a condition of admission to mental institutions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene
Section 11(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

[[BY adding to

Article 70B - Commission on the Aging
Section 6 to be under the new subtitle "Geriatric Evaluation Services"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)]]

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 11(b) of Article 59 - Mental Hygiene, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

11.

(b) (1) ~~[No]~~ A person ~~[shall]~~ MAY NOT be admitted under the provisions of this section unless his condition is such that he is able to understand the nature of his request for admission, is able to request his release, and is capable of giving continuous assent to his retention by the facility.

(2) [[PERSONS]] ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1977, PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY OF VOLUNTARILY ADMITTED TO A FACILITY ONLY IF THEIR ADMISSION IS RECOMMENDED BY A GERIATRIC EVALUATION UNIT [[ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 59 OF THIS ARTICLE]].

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 6 to be under the new subtitle "Geriatric Evaluation Services" be and it is hereby added to Article