

HOUSE BILL 179

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership requirements for adult public guardianship review boards; and generally relating to adult public guardianship review boards.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 14–101(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 14–402(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

14–101.

(n) “Review board” means the adult public guardianship review board.

14–402.

(a) (1) Each review board consists of 11 members appointed:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (i) by the county commissioners;
- (ii) in Baltimore City, by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council;
- (iii) in any county that has a county executive, by the county executive with the advice and consent of the county council; or
- (iv) if 2 or more counties have agreed to establish a multicounty review board, jointly by the appropriate officials of the counties served by the board.

(2) Of the 11 members:

- (i) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local department;
- (ii) 1. in counties other than St. Mary's County[, 2 shall be physicians, including 1 psychiatrist from a local health department that employs psychiatrists]:

A. 1 SHALL BE A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR PHYSICIAN WHO IS NOT A PSYCHIATRIST; AND

B. 1 SHALL BE A PSYCHIATRIST; and

2. in St. Mary's County[.]:

A. 1 shall be a PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR physician [other than] WHO IS NOT a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist or psychologist;

- (iii) 1 shall be a representative of a local commission on aging;
- (iv) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization;
- (v) 1 shall be a lawyer;
- (vi) 2 shall be lay individuals;
- (vii) 1 shall be a [public health] REGISTERED nurse;
- (viii) 1 shall be a professional in the field of disabilities; and

(ix) 1 shall be a person with a physical disability.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.