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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 45

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. TAYOUN, GIAMMARCO, JOHNSON, MRS. TOLL AND  
MR. DiCARLO, JANUARY 27, 1975

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JULY 2, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96,  
2 No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and mental  
3 retardation; authorizing county programs and amending,  
4 revising and changing the laws relating thereto and making an  
5 appropriation," further providing for requirements for  
6 directors of State facilities.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 203, act of October 20, 1966 (3rd  
10 Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the "Mental Health and Mental  
11 Retardation Act of 1966," is amended to read:

12 Section 203. Qualifications of Directors of State  
13 Facilities.--Each State operated facility shall be in charge of  
14 a director who shall have the following qualifications:

15 (1) Experience in the administration of mental hospitals,  
16 other hospitals, institutions or other facilities.

17 (2) Ability to organize, direct and coordinate the operation  
18 of the facility and its programs.

19 (3) In the case where the facility is a State operated

1 mental hospital, he shall [also] be a physician where possible  
2 or demonstrate, through objective measurements developed by the  
3 department, knowledge and competencies in the field of mental  
4 health and illness, including community mental health, as well  
5 as in the field of health care administration. A master's  
6 degree, or appropriate equivalent thereof, shall be required.  
7 ~~The director of the clinical program of the hospital shall be a~~ <—  
8 ~~physician who shall be responsible for planning and executing~~  
9 ~~programs of treatment and therapy.~~

10 (4) The department by regulation may establish additional  
11 standards of qualification for the position of director.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.