

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 45

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 27, 1975

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
20 mental hospital, he shall [also be a physician] demonstrate,

1 through objective measurements developed by the department,
2 knowledge and competencies in the field of mental health and
3 illness, including community mental health, as well as in the
4 field of health care administration. A master's degree, or
5 appropriate equivalent thereof, shall be required. In any case
6 where the hospital director is not a physician, the director of
7 the clinical program of the hospital shall be a physician.

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

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