

No. 46

AN ACT

HB 45

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) In the case where the facility is a State operated mental hospital, he shall [also] be a physician *where possible or demonstrate, through objective measurements developed by the department, knowledge and competencies in the field of mental health and illness, including community mental health, as well as in the field of health care administration. A master's degree, or appropriate equivalent thereof, shall be required. The director of the clinical program of the hospital shall be a physician who shall be responsible for planning and executing programs of treatment and therapy.*

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

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

APPROVED—The 25th day of July, A. D. 1975.

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