

No. 249

AN ACT

SB 53

Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (Sp. Sess. No.3, 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," eliminating duty of support of persons over eighteen years of age.

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

Section 1. Section 502, act of October 20, 1966 (Sp. Sess. No.3, P.L.96, No.6), known as the "Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966," is amended to read:

Section 502. Liability of Persons Owing a Legal Duty to Support.—Except as provided *in this section and* in section 504, whenever any person *under eighteen years of age* admitted, committed or otherwise receiving any service or benefit under this act shall be unable to discharge the obligation imposed upon him by section 501, such liability is hereby imposed upon any person owing a legal duty to support the person admitted, committed or otherwise receiving services or benefits under this act. *Upon the mentally disabled person attaining the age of eighteen, or any mentally disabled person over eighteen years of age on the effective date of this act, the liability under the act of the persons owing a legal duty to support him shall cease.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1974, or, if enacted subsequent to that date, immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of October, A. D. 1974.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 249.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.