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FRANCIS M. HUGO,  
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## **MENTAL DEFICIENCY LAW**

**LAWS 1919, CHAP. 633**

**AN ACT** in relation to mental defectives, constituting chapter seventy-one of the consolidated laws.

Became a law May 14, 1919, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

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# **MENTAL DEFICIENCY LAW**

## **CHAPTER 71 OF THE CONSOLIDATED LAWS**

- Article** 1. Short title; definitions (§§ 1, 2).  
2. State commission for mental defectives (§§ 3-14).  
3. Institutions for the care, training and custody of mental defectives (§§ 15-22).  
4. Commitment, custody and discharge of mental defectives (§§ 23-39).  
5. Laws repealed; when to take effect (§§ 40, 41).

### **ARTICLE 1.**

#### **SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.**

- Section** 1. Short title.  
2. Definitions.

§ 1. **Short title.** This chapter shall be known as the "Mental Deficiency Law."

§ 2. **Definitions.** When used in this chapter:

1. "Poor person" means a person who is unable to support himself and having no one legally liable and able to support him;
2. "Indigent person" means a person who has not sufficient property to support himself nor the members of his family lawfully dependent upon him for support;
3. "Institution" means any hospital, school, asylum, colony, building, house or retreat authorized by law to have the care, training or custody of the mentally defective;
4. "Inmate" means a mentally defective person committed to an institution according to the provisions of this chapter;
5. "Mental defective" means any person afflicted with mental defectiveness from birth or from an early age to such an extent that he is incapable of managing himself and his affairs, who for his own welfare or the welfare of others or of the community requires supervision, control or care, and who is not insane or of unsound mind to such an extent as to require his commitment to an institution for the insane as provided by the insanity law;
6. "Commission," when used in this chapter, means the state commission for mental defectives.