

LOCAL LAW NO. 8-1977  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law to Amend Article VIII, Section 8.02 b of the Chautauqua County Charter in  
Relation to the Appointment of the Commissioner of Mental Health

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York as  
follows:

SECTION 1. The Chautauqua County Charter, Article VIII, Section 8.02 (b) be and the  
same is hereby amended to read as follows:

(B) *Division of Mental Health*

The Commissioner of Mental Health shall be appointed by the Director of Health  
Services, upon recommendation by the Mental Health Board and *subject* to confirmation of the  
County Legislature. He shall perform the duties prescribed by law in the administration of  
mental health services. He shall perform such additional and related duties as may be prescribed  
by law and directed by the Director of Health Services. *The Commissioner shall possess at the  
time of his appointment and maintain throughout his term of office all qualifications and licenses  
prescribed by the Mental Hygiene Law and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto  
by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene.* (The Commissioner shall be licensed to  
practice psychiatric medicine in New York State.)

SECTION 2. This Local Law, subject to a permissive referendum, shall take effect forty-  
five (45) days after its adoption.

Note: Deleted material is in brackets; new material is in italics.

Approved by Legislature: 10/14/77  
Approved by County Executive: 11/1/77  
Adopted as Local Law 8-77

R/C Vote: 23 Yes; 1 No; 1 Absent  
(No: Lepkowski)  
Effective: 12/19/77