

CHAPTER 306

(Senate Bill 216)

AN ACT concerning

Alcohol Abuse Facilities - Certification

FOR the purpose of requiring an alcohol abuse facility to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before the facility may operate in this State; providing certain exceptions; clarifying the hospitals and alcoholism treatment programs that are subject to the provisions of this Act; exempting certain transitional housing programs from the application of this Act; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations for certifying alcohol abuse facilities; providing for a certain exemption except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the certification of alcohol abuse facilities in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 8-411  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

8-411.

(a) In this section, "alcohol abuse facility":

(1) Means any facility that provides treatment, care, and rehabilitation for individuals who show the effects of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; and

(2) Includes a facility that is owned or operated by this State or any of its political subdivisions.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) The office of a physician who is treating patients within the scope of the physician's practice;

[(2) An accredited hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of this article;]

PROGRAMS. [(3)] (2) Alcoholics Anonymous, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING or other similar organizations, if the organization