

FOR the purpose of ~~clarifying~~ altering the number of days from the date of an initial confinement that a hearing for an involuntary psychiatric admission shall be conducted and a decision made within a certain period of time, subject to certain exceptions; providing for a postponement for a certain number of days under certain circumstances; altering the time period for making a decision on an involuntary admission; and providing that the reasons for a postponement shall be on the record.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 10-632(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume)

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Article - Health - General

Section ~~10-632(e)~~ 10-632(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Health - General

10-632.

(a) Any individual proposed for involuntary admission under Part III of this subtitle shall be afforded a hearing to determine whether the individual is to be admitted to a facility or a Veterans' Administration hospital as an involuntary patient or released without being admitted.

(b) The hearing shall be conducted within [5 working] 10 days of the date of the initial confinement of the individual.

(c) (1) The hearing may be postponed for good cause, but in any event, the hearing shall be conducted and a decision made within 10 WORKING days after the date of the individual's initial confinement CAUSE FOR NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS, AND THE REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT SHALL BE ON THE RECORD.

(2) A DECISION SHALL BE MADE WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 24, 1990.