

study and which name or otherwise identify any person or persons, are confidential records within the custody and control of the Commission, and may be used only for the purposes of research and study for which assembled or procured.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to give away or otherwise to divulge to a person or persons not engaged in such research and study for the Commission, any of such records, reports, statements, notes, or other information which name or otherwise identify any person or persons. Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50).

(c) Access to and use of any such records, reports, statements, notes, or other information also are protected and regulated by the provisions of Section 101 of Article 35 and Section 10 of Article 75C of this Code.

(d) Nothing in this section applies to or restricts the use as publicizing statistics, data or other material which summarize or refer to any such records, reports, statements, notes or information in the aggregate and without referring to or disclosing the identity of any individual person or persons.

101.

The records, reports, statements, notes, or other information described in Section 1-1 of Article 43 of this Code, assembled or procured by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or those described in Section 306C of Article 27, assembled or procured for the Maryland Commission to Study Problems of Drug Addiction, for the purposes there specified, are not admissible as evidence in any court or in any administrative hearing or procedure; and the employees or agents of the Board or Commission shall not be compelled to divulge any of such records, reports, statements, notes, or other information.

10.

No action may be brought against any person, firm or corporation furnishing to the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Maryland Commission to Study Problems of Drug Addiction, or any of [its] their authorized agents or employees, for purposes of research and study, any of the records, reports, statements, notes, or other information described in Section 1-1 of Article 43 or Section 306D of Article 27 of this Code.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966 IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 29, 1966.
