

(h) A person who is intoxicated and who is not conducting himself in a manner that causes a public disturbance nor directly endangers the safety of another person or of property may be taken into protective custody by law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel and taken or sent to his home, to a private health facility, or to a public health facility for detoxification and appropriate treatment;

(i) A chronic alcoholic shall be treated as a sick person and provided adequate and appropriate medical, psychiatric, and other humane rehabilitative treatment services for his illness. All public officials in the State shall take cognizance of this legislative policy and this subtitle shall be construed in a manner consistent therewith.

103. Definitions.

(a) The term "Department", as used in this subtitle, means the State Department of Mental Hygiene.

(b) The term "chronic alcoholic" means any person who chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages (1) to the extent that it injures his health or substantially interferes with his social or economic functioning, or (2) to the extent that he has lost the power of self-control with respect to the use of such beverages.

DISORDERLY INTOXICATION

201.

(a) No person shall be intoxicated and endanger the safety of another person or property.

(b) No person shall be intoxicated or drink any alcoholic beverage in a public place and cause a public disturbance.

(c) Any person violating the prohibitions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or both.

(d) No county, municipality or other political subdivision of this State shall adopt ordinances or resolutions identical to or supplementing this section, and any existing ordinance, resolution, or other legislation inconsistent with this section is hereby repealed.

PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND REHABILITATION OF ALCOHOLICS

301. Division of Alcoholism Control.

(a) There is established within the Department a Division of Alcoholism Control under a qualified program administrator who shall be a licensed medical doctor.

(b) It is the duty and function of the Division of Alcoholism Control to:

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse for information relating to alcoholism;

(2) Develop, encourage, and foster statewide, regional, and local plans and programs in the field of alcoholism;