

receive care and treatment. The term shall replace the words "insane," "insanity," "lunacy," "mentally sick," "mental disease," "unsound mind" and similar words as they appear in the statutes of the State of Maryland but does not include mental retardation. **§ Vacant.**

(h-1) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, state police officer, municipal or other local police officer.

(h-2) "Person dangerous to the public" means a person who is mentally disordered and whose conduct might reasonably be expected to produce a clear and present danger of substantial injury to others.

(i-1) "Psychologist" means any person to whom a certificate has been issued by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists pursuant to Article 43 of this Code.

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(e) Admission to a facility under the provisions of this section may be obtained by **§**an informal or a formal~~§~~ application **§**Informal voluntary admission~~§~~, and may be accomplished by a simple request for admission. A person so admitted **§**informally~~§~~ may leave the facility at any time between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. unless, after initial admission, his admission status has been changed in accordance with this subtitle.

§(d) Voluntary admission may also be accomplished on the basis of a formal application. Such application shall be in writing, shall contain such personal data and be in such form as the Department may require. No person admitted to a facility on the basis of his formal request for admission may be detained for more than three days, except as provided in subsection (e) below, after having given notice of his desire to leave the facility, unless, after initial admission, his admission status has been changed in accordance with this subtitle.

(e) Patients admitted pursuant to subsection 11 (d) above, primarily for care or treatment of alcoholism, may be retained by a facility for a period not in excess of seven days after the patient has given notice of his desire to leave the facility, unless, after initial admission, his admission status has been changed in accordance with this subtitle. **§**

(f) No patient admitted pursuant to this section may be retained by a facility for any period in excess of **§**one year~~§~~ *six months*, unless his admission status has been changed after initial admission, or unless at the expiration of each **§**one year~~§~~ *six month* period of inpatient residence, the patient executes a new application. **§**In the event the patient was initially admitted on an informal basis and such status has not changed, he shall execute a formal application for admission or the facility may not retain him after the first anniversary of his initial admission. **§**

(g) Any facility licensed by or under the jurisdiction of the Department may admit for the purposes of care or treatment, or both, any person under the age of 18 years who has any mental disorder which is susceptible of care or treatment and whose admission to such facility has been requested by at least one parent or his