

*if not immediately restrained. Such psychiatrist's statement shall be sufficient authority for a peace or health officer to transport a patient to a facility.*

*(b) A peace or health officer may take a person into custody and transport him to a psychiatrist or facility if such officer has received or initiated a petition requesting the emergency admission of that person. The petition form shall explicitly indicate the petitioner's name, his home and work addresses and telephone numbers, the name and description of the emergency admittee, and statements made under the penalty of perjury, of the petitioner's knowledge of the facts leading to his conclusion that the emergency admittee requires emergency admission. The petitioner shall be required to describe the behavior and statements of the emergency admittee which have led the petitioner to reach a reasonable presumption that the emergency admittee is mentally disordered, and whatever behavior and statements of the emergency admittee have led the petitioner to conclude that because of the presumed mental disorder, the emergency admittee is in clear and imminent danger of causing grave and immediate personal injury to himself or others. The petition form shall provide notice that any petitioner completing and signing the form may be required by the peace or health officer to accompany the emergency admittee to a psychiatrist and that the State Department of Mental Hygiene may require the appearance of the petitioner at the mental health facility to which the emergency admittee is admitted within seventy-two hours in order to provide further information, and that failure to comply shall subject him to court order compelling his appearance. The meaning and content of the petition shall be explained to any petitioner who cannot read, and the peace or health officer shall explain to every petitioner the serious nature of the petition and no petition may be completed by a person who appears to be incompetent to do so in the judgment of either a peace or health officer. Application for admission of such person to a facility may be made by the peace or health officer and the application shall contain a statement given by the peace or health officer stating the circumstances under which such person was taken into custody and the reasons therefor. Such person may be admitted to a facility for emergency care and treatment pursuant to this subsection with the consent of the head of the facility if a written statement is made by the medical officer on duty at the facility that after preliminary examination the person has symptoms of mental disorder and appears to be in clear and imminent danger of causing grave and immediate personal harm to himself or others.*

*(c) Any person admitted to a facility pursuant to this section shall be discharged within seventy-two (72) hours after admission, inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, unless a petition for the commitment of such person has been filed pursuant to Section 14 in the appropriate court of the county of residence or of the county wherein such facility is located. Upon the filing of a petition, the court may order the detention of the person until determination of the matter pursuant to Section 14 if a psychiatrist certifies every seven (7) days, to the court that the admittee meets the standards of emergency admission contained in this section. Upon motion of the person admitted pursuant to this section the venue of the petition shall be changed to the appropriate court of the county of the person's residence, if he be a resident of the State of Maryland.*