

*operation, but this subsection shall not affect any liability which he may incur as a consequence of the manner in which such operation is performed.*

51.

**[No patient in any facility shall be deprived of his right to vote, receive, hold and dispose of property unless he has been declared to be incompetent by a court in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of this Code.]**

*Except as otherwise provided by law, no patient in any facility shall be deprived of his right to vote, receive, hold, and dispose of property or any other legal or civil right unless he has been declared to be incompetent by a court in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of this Code.*

### EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS

22.

(A) AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED UNLESS A CONTRARY MEANING IS CLEARLY INTENDED FROM THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE TERM APPEARS.

(1) "EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS" SHALL MEAN THAT PROCESS BY WHICH AN EMERGENCY ADMITTEE IS ADMITTED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO AN EMERGENCY FACILITY AS DEFINED HEREIN.

(2) "EMERGENCY TREATMENT" MEANS THE TREATMENT OF AN EMERGENCY ADMITTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) "EMERGENCY FACILITY" SHALL MEAN ANY FACILITY DESIGNATED IN WRITING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE AS AN EMERGENCY FACILITY.

(4) "MENTAL DISORDER" MEANS THE BEHAVIORAL AND OTHER SYMPTOMS WHICH TO A LAY PETITIONER INITIATING THE EMERGENCY ADMISSION PROCESS INDICATE A CLEAR DISTURBANCE IN THE MENTAL FUNCTIONING OF ANOTHER PERSON, AND TO A PHYSICIAN CONDUCTING AN EXAMINATION INDICATE ONE OR MORE OF THE MENTAL DISORDERS DESCRIBED IN THE "DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL—MENTAL DISORDERS" PUBLISHED PERIODICALLY BY THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION.

(5) "PEACE OFFICER" MEANS A SHERIFF, STATE POLICE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL OR OTHER LOCAL POLICE OFFICER.

(B) ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON IS MENTALLY DISORDERED AND IS IN CLEAR AND IMMINENT DANGER OF CAUSING GRAVE AND IMMEDIATE PERSONAL INJURY TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS MAY COMPLETE, SIGN AND FILE A PETITION FOR THE EMERGENCY ADMISSION OF SUCH PERSON WITH A PEACE OFFICER. THE PETITION FORM SHALL EXPLICITLY INDICATE THE PETITIONER'S NAME, HIS HOME AND WORK