

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

IDENTIFICATION OF THE CAUSAL FACTORS IN DRUG ABUSE, EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMERGENCY TREATMENT FACILITIES AS WELL AS MORE EXTENDED MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS, PENAL REFORM AND PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS EXPANDED AND ENLIGHTENED LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH COMPASSION FOR THE VICTIMS AND SEVERITY FOR THOSE WHO PROFIT ON ILLEGAL DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES, TOGETHER WITH A SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS. THERE IS ALSO THE CONTINUING NEED TO REINFORCE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A CLIMATE IN WHICH DRUGS ARE REDUCED TO A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN STIMULATING AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 8A-2. DEFINITIONS.

AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER:

(A) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE.

(B) "DRUG ABUSE" MEANS ANY MISUSE BY ANY PERSON OF, OR DEPENDENCE BY ANY PERSON ON ANY DRUG OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE WHOSE USE IS EITHER PROHIBITED, REGULATED, OR CONTROLLED BY SECTIONS 276 THROUGH 302, ARTICLE 27, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1970 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), KNOWN AS THE "UNIFORM CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ACT" AS NOW EXISTING OR AS HEREAFTER AMENDED.

(C) "DRUG-DEPENDENT PERSON" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO IS USING A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE OR DRUG AND WHO IS IN A STATE OF PSYCHIC OR PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE, OR BOTH, ARISING FROM ADMINISTRATION OF THAT CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE OR DRUG EITHER ON A CONTINUOUS OR INTERMITTENT REGULAR BASIS. DRUG DEPENDENCE IS CHARACTERIZED BY BEHAVIORAL AND OTHER RESPONSES WHICH INCLUDE A STRONG COMPULSION TO TAKE THE SUBSTANCE ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE ITS PSYCHIC EFFECTS OR TO AVOID THE DISCOMFORT OF ITS ABSENCE.

(D) "DRUG-RELATED FACILITY" IS ANY BUILDING OR PREMISES ON WHICH IS OPERATED OR CONDUCTED A DRUG-RELATED PROGRAM.

(E) "DRUG-RELATED PROGRAM" IS THAT PROGRAM BY ANY PERSON, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE IN CHARACTER, WHICH