

Authority.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control
and Rehabilitation Act

Section 9(b) (5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 9(b) (5) of Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and Rehabilitation Act, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) (5) Upon the appearance of the alleged drug addict the court shall provide such alleged addict with a copy of any paper not yet served upon him and shall explain that, if the court finds reasonable grounds to believe that such person is a drug addict, it shall order him to undergo a medical examination at a facility designated by the Authority. The court shall then advise the alleged drug addict that if such medical examination is ordered he shall appear before the court after such examination as provided in subparagraph (iii) of subsection (b) (6) of this section, and, if the petition and the report of medical examination set forth reasonable grounds to believe that he is a drug addict, he may thereafter be certified to the care and custody of the [commission] AUTHORITY pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, and that he shall have a right to a hearing prior to such certification. If the alleged drug addict appears without counsel, the court shall advise him that he has the right to the aid of counsel at every stage of the proceedings and that if he desires the aid of counsel and is financially unable to obtain counsel, then counsel shall be assigned. The court shall allow the alleged drug addict a reasonable time to send for counsel and shall adjourn the proceedings for that purpose. The court shall inform the alleged addict, if he is being held in custody, that he is entitled to communicate free of charge by letter or telephone, in order to obtain counsel and in order to inform a relative or friend of the proceeding. If the alleged drug addict does not