

COVERAGE OF § 13-709 OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE, IT SHALL TREAT THE PETITION AS IF IT WERE A PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNDER THAT SECTION AND SHALL CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAKE FINDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT SECTION.

(f) Upon receipt of a petition as outlined in subsections (d) and (e), the peace officer shall take the emergency admittee into custody and transport him, without a warrant, to an emergency facility preferably in the county or city of Baltimore wherever the emergency admittee is found at the time. Not later than six hours after being taken into custody the emergency admittee shall be examined, released from custody or certified by a physician to have symptoms of a mental disorder and the appearance of being in clear and imminent danger of causing grave and immediate personal harm to himself or others. The emergency admittee shall remain in the custody of the peace officer until he is examined and either released or certified as set out above, and if so certified, he shall immediately be admitted to an emergency facility for the purpose of emergency care and treatment. The examining physician or the peace officer shall give notice by telephone or otherwise of the examination, the emergency admittee's present and potential status and whereabouts to the petitioner, if he is not the peace officer, and to the nearest relative and/or interested person shown on the petition, and to his attorney, if any. If the examining physician finds that the emergency admittee is not mentally disordered and does not give the appearance of being in clear and imminent danger of causing grave and immediate personal harm to himself or others, the physician shall so certify in writing on the petition, and the emergency admittee must be released from custody forthwith, and he must be transported to the place at which he entered into custody, unless he requests not to be transported.

(g) Nothing herein is intended in any way to abrogate or limit any right given in any other section of the law.

(h) District Court judges have the authority provided by law concerning the admission of persons to emergency or mental health facilities.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 10 and 11 of Article 59A - Mental Retardation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 59A - Mental Retardation

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(a) Any person over the age of 21 years, the guardian of any person over the age of 21 years on behalf