

Department may admit for the purposes of care or treatment, or both, any person under the age of 18 years who has any mental disorder which is susceptible of care or treatment and whose admission to such facility has been requested by at least one parent or his legal guardian. The person requesting such admission must, as a prerequisite to the admission, be able to understand the nature of the request. The admission request must be formal, written and assented to by an admitting physician at the facility. No person admitted pursuant to this subsection may be retained for more than three days, after the person who requested his admission requests his release, unless his admission status is changed pursuant to § 12 of this subtitle. No person admitted pursuant to this subsection may be retained by a facility for any period in excess of one year unless his admission status has been changed after initial admission or unless at the expiration of each one year period of inpatient residence a new request is executed by a parent or the legal guardian of the patient.--] AT THOSE FACILITIES ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 59 §31(A), THE ADMISSION OF ANY PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE TREATED AS AN INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §12 OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT A MINOR WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 16 YEARS MAY CONSENT TO ADMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIAGNOSIS AND CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43, SECTION 135A.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 11(g) be and it is hereby added to Article 59 Mental Hygiene, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:~~

~~Article 59 --- Mental Hygiene~~

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~~(G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE ADMISSION OF ALL PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE TREATED AS AN INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT MINORS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 16 YEARS MAY CONSENT TO ADMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIAGNOSIS AND CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43, SECTION 135A.~~

SECTION 3 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.