

information to certain persons and agencies; specifying a time period for the providing of this information; and generally relating to emergency admissions of persons with mental disorders.

BY repealing

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene  
Section 22  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 22 of Article 59 - Mental Hygiene, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

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