

(C) (1) AN INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER INSURER WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE TO ANY PLAINTIFF FOR:

~~(I) PUNITIVE DAMAGES OF UP TO \$5,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION;~~

~~(II) DAMAGES FOR MENTAL SUFFERING;~~

~~(III) ANY OTHER DAMAGES WHICH ARE RECOVERABLE AT LAW OR IN EQUITY; AND~~

~~(IV) REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.~~

~~(2) ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000. ANY DAMAGES RECOVERABLE IN LAW OR EQUITY INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 729

(House Bill 1695)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Health Facilities - Admission of Minors for
Diagnosis and Consultation

FOR the purpose of providing that the admission of a minor by a parent for the purpose of diagnosis and consultation in a child or adolescent unit of certain public facilities under the general jurisdiction of the Mental Hygiene Administration may be treated as a voluntary admission when it is assented to by certain physicians and is for a limited period of time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene
Section 11(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: