

~~cases of emergency admissions,~~ and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene
 Section 11(g), 12(c) (5), 12(d) (1), 12(d) (3), 22(a) (4),
 22(b) (2) (iv), 22(c), and 22(d), ~~and 22(e)~~
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene
 Section 3(a) (1)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

3.

(A-1) "CERTIFIED PSYCHOLOGIST" MEANS ANY PERSON DULY CERTIFIED UNDER THE PSYCHOLOGISTS' CERTIFICATION ACT, ARTICLE 43, §§ 618 - 644A, AND LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS IN PSYCHOLOGY.

11.

(g) With the exception of those facilities established under Article 59 § 31 (a), any facility licensed by or under the jurisdiction of the 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 ~~OR CERTIFIED PSYCHOLOGIST~~ 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