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(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 HEALTH AND Mental Hygiene as an emergency facility, AND SHALL INCLUDE ALL GENERAL HOSPITALS WITH LICENSED EMERGENCY ROOMS UNLESS EXEMPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER.

(4) "Mental disorder" means the behavioral and other symptoms which to 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 American Psychiatric Association. The term shall not include mental retardation.

(5) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, State police officer, municipal or other local police officer.

(6) "Emergency admittee" means a person who is proposed for admission to an emergency facility, or a person who has been admitted to an emergency facility pursuant to this section.

(B) (1) Any interested person who has reason to believe that a person is mentally disordered and is in clear and imminent danger of causing grave and immediate personal injury to himself or others may complete, sign, and file a petition for the emergency admission of such person with a peace officer. Any interested person who signs and files this petition is hereinafter referred to as the petitioner.

(2) The petition shall include the following:

(i) The petitioner's name, address, and home and work telephone numbers;

(ii) The name and a description of the emergency admittee, and if available the emergency admittee's address, and the names and addresses of the emergency admittee's spouse, children, parents or relatives,