

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

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CHAPTER 711

(House Bill 278)

AN ACT concerning

District Court - Commitment of Alcoholics  
and Drug Addicts

FOR the purpose of prescribing certain powers of District Court judges to commit to ~~State hospitals~~ the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene chronic alcoholics or habitual drug addicts who are charged with a criminal offense; and generally relating to the commitment of alcoholics and drug addicts charged with a crime.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 4-305  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-305.

(A) IF ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH THE COMMISSION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IS SHOWN, TO THE SATISFACTION OF A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM, OR TO BE HABITUALLY ADDICTED TO THE USE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN § ~~276~~ 277(O) OF ARTICLE 27 OF THIS CODE, THE JUDGE MAY COMMIT HIM TO ~~ONE OF THE STATE HOSPITALS~~ THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR EVALUATION, TREATMENT, AND OBSERVATION.

(B) THE COMMITMENT SHALL BE UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGE.

(C) THE COMMITMENT SHALL BE FOR NOT LESS THAN 96 HOURS ~~OR FOR LESS THAN 96 HOURS OR FOR MORE THAN 6 WEEKS.~~