

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 § 277(q) of Article 27 of this Code, the judge may commit him to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for evaluation, treatment, and observation. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACCEPT CUSTODY OF THE PERSON SO COMMITTED. THE COMMITTING COURT SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OR HIS DESIGNEE OF THE PROPOSED RELEASE DATE AND THE TIME OF RELEASE PRIOR TO THAT RELEASE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 27, 1980.

CHAPTER 883

(House Bill 967)

AN ACT concerning

Drug Abuse

FOR the purpose of amending the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and Rehabilitation Act to extend certain provisions to all drug abusers; amending and adding certain definitions; changing the composition of the Advisory Council on Drug Abuse; enabling the Drug Abuse Administration to contract for establishment and operation of certain facilities; extending civil commitment procedures to alleged drug abusers, on their own petition; decreasing the maximum period for commitments and certifications of nonrehabilitation; enabling courts to order examination of certain convicted individuals and providing certain procedures; prohibiting certification of certain individuals as rehabilitated before a certain time; amending the conditions for certification as rehabilitated; requiring certification as a drug abuse center and certain inspection and evaluation of certain treatment units; providing for hearings on certain applications for certification; increasing penalties for divulging certain data; deleting certain provisions for a Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center and for department organization; correcting certain terms; and generally relating to drug abuse.
