

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and
Rehabilitation Act
Section 1(b) and (c), 2, 3(a), 5(c), (d), (i), (j),
(l), and (p), 7, 8, 9, 10, 12(c), (d), and (e),
15(a) and (d), 18, 19, and 22(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and
Rehabilitation Act
Section 6 and 23
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and
Rehabilitation Act
Section 12(a-1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1979 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be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control
and Rehabilitation Act

1.

The Legislature finds and determines, based in part
upon the report of the Maryland Commission to Study the
Problems of Drug Addiction, as follows:

(b) A comprehensive program of [compulsory] treatment
of drug [addicts] ABUSERS is essential to the protection and
promotion of the health and welfare of the inhabitants of
the State as well as to discourage the violation of laws
relating to the sale, possession and use of narcotics and
other dangerous drugs. Drug [addicts] ABUSERS are estimated
to be responsible for one half the crimes committed in the
City of Baltimore alone and the problem of drug addiction
[is] HAS SPREAD rapidly [spreading] into the suburbs and
other parts of the State. This threat to the peace and
safety of the inhabitants of the State must be met. Not
only crime, but unemployment, poverty, loss of human dignity
and of the ability to fill a meaningful and productive role
in the community, as well as damage to the physical and