

mental health of the [addict] DRUG ABUSER himself are all by-products of this spreading disease. The drug [addict] ABUSER needs help before he is compelled to resort to crime to support his habit. The drug [addict] ABUSER who commits a crime needs help to break his [addiction] PATTERN OF ABUSE. A comprehensive program of treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare for drug [addicts] ABUSERS can fill these needs.

(c) Experience has demonstrated that drug [addicts] ABUSERS can be rehabilitated and returned to useful lives [only] through [extended periods of] COMPREHENSIVE treatment [in a controlled environment] followed by [supervision in] an [after-care] AFTERCARE program. The purpose of this article is to provide a comprehensive program of human renewal of drug [addicts] ABUSERS in rehabilitation centers and [after-care] AFTERCARE programs. The comprehensive program provided by this article is designed to assist the rehabilitation of drug [addicts] ABUSERS. It applies to [addicts] DRUG ABUSERS who are not accused of crimes, as well as [addicts] DRUG ABUSERS convicted of crimes. The program is further designed to protect society against the social contagion of drug [addiction] DEPENDENCY and to meet the need of drug [addicts] ABUSERS for medical, psychological and vocational rehabilitation, while safeguarding the liberty of individuals against undue interference.

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(A) [As used in] IN this article [--] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

[(a)] (B) "The Authority" or "the Administration" means the Drug Abuse Administration established by § 1A of this article.

[(b)] "The Center" means the Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center ]

(c) "The Council" means the Advisory Council on Drug Abuse.

(d) "Drug abuse" means any UNAUTHORIZED USE, misuse [by any person or], dependence [by any person] on [any drug], OR EXPERIMENTATION WITH ANY CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE, whose use is either prohibited or regulated by §§ 276 through 302 of Article 27 [including, but not limited to, narcotic and nonnarcotic drug addiction and narcotic and nonnarcotic drug habituation].

(E) (1) "DRUG ABUSER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EXHIBITS SYMPTOMS OF DRUG ABUSE OR, BY REASON OF REPEATED USE OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE, THE USE OF WHICH EITHER IS PROHIBITED OR REGULATED BY §§ 276 THROUGH 302 OF ARTICLE 27, IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF BECOMING DEPENDENT ON THE DRUG.

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