

parent, legal guardian or next of kin, [such] THE application may be made on behalf of [such person] THE INDIVIDUAL by [such] THE parent, legal guardian or next of kin. If [it be] IN the judgment of the [superintendent] DIRECTOR of such public facility [that], it is in the best interest of [any such] THE drug [addict] ABUSER, he may be retained [therein] for a period not exceeding thirty days for the purpose of care and treatment. At any time after ten days from the date of admission of any [such] drug [addict] ABUSER to [such] THE public facility [the superintendent] ITS DIRECTOR may discharge [any such] THE drug [addict] ABUSER who has recovered or who is deemed not suitable for treatment in [such] THE facility; however, this provision shall not preclude [such] THE patient from filing a petition pursuant to § 9 of this article.

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Any rehabilitation center, medical examination facility, or [such] other facility [or facilities as may be] established and operated OR CONTRACTED TO BE OPERATED by the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION pursuant to the provisions of this article [shall be mental hygiene facilities within] IS A HEALTH FACILITY UNDER the Department of HEALTH AND Mental Hygiene and IS not [deemed] A correctional [facilities] FACILITY for any purpose.

9.

(a) A judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or of the circuit court of the various counties or of the District Court who has jurisdiction within the judicial district where an alleged drug [addict, as defined in this article,] ABUSER resides or [where he] may be found[,] may certify [such] THE drug [addict] ABUSER in a civil proceeding to the care and custody of the [Authority in the manner hereinafter] ADMINISTRATION AS provided[; except that no person] IN THIS SECTION. HOWEVER, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO presently IS committed to the care and custody of the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION under court order, [and no person] who has pending against him any criminal action or proceeding [and no person] OR WHO presently IS confined in a correctional institution, [shall] MAY NOT be certified to the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION pursuant to this section.

(b) Any [person] INDIVIDUAL believing himself to be a drug [addict] ABUSER, or the husband [or], wife, father [or], mother, brother [or], sister, [or the] child, or [the] nearest relative of [the] AN alleged DRUG addict, or anyone residing in the same house of an alleged DRUG addict, or any physician who believes that [a person] AN INDIVIDUAL is a drug addict may apply for an order certifying [such person] THE INDIVIDUAL to the care and custody of the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION by presenting a verified petition to the appropriate court.

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