

The [Authority] ADMINISTRATION may establish and maintain, in cooperation with the Department of PUBLIC SAFETY AND Correctional Services[,] or other appropriate correctional or penal agency, programs for the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and the rehabilitation of drug [addicts] ABUSERS in any correctional or penal institutions within this State.

19.

(a) No facility, institution, organization or individual, private or public, shall treat any person seeking treatment for the effects of drug addiction or any form of drug abuse, or extend any treatment, service, or method of rehabilitation to any such person unless [so approved and authorized by the Authority] CERTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. [Such approval] CERTIFICATION shall be granted pursuant to rules and regulations of the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION [which shall provide for periodic review of such approval].

(b) An application for [the approval] CERTIFICATION of the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION shall be filed with the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION. If the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION proposes to disapprove the application, it shall afford the applicant an opportunity to request a public hearing. If so requested, a public hearing shall be held and [may be] conducted by [one or more members of the Authority, as the Authority shall determine] THE ADMINISTRATION.

22.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to give away or otherwise to divulge to a person or persons not engaged in [such] research and study for the [Authority] ADMINISTRATION, any [of such] records, reports, statements, notes, or other information, which name or otherwise identify any person or persons. Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor[,] and upon conviction [shall be fined] IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF not more than [fifty dollars (\$50.00)] \$1,000.

[23.

In the event that a new Department of Health and Mental Hygiene administered by a Secretary of Health is created by subsequent law, both that Department and Secretary shall be substituted for any reference made within this article to the Department of Mental Hygiene and its Commissioner.]

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

Approved May 27, 1980.