

MINOR'S PARENT, CUSTODIAN, OR GUARDIAN THAT THE MINOR HAS BEEN ADMITTED. A--MINOR-SHALL-NOT-BE-VOLUNTARILY-ADMITTED UNDER-THIS-SECTION-FOR-ABORTION-OR-STERILIZATION-PROCEDURES.

(g) With the exception of those facilities established under Article 59 § 31(a), any facility licensed by or under the jurisdiction of the Department may admit for the purposes of care or treatment, or both, any person under the age of 18 years who has any mental disorder which is susceptible of care or treatment and whose admission to such facility has been requested by at least one parent or his legal guardian. The person requesting such admission must, as a prerequisite to the admission, be able to understand the nature of the request. The admission request must be formal, written and assented to by an admitting physician at the facility. No person admitted pursuant to this subsection may be retained for more than three days, after the person who requested his admission requests his release, unless his admission status is changed pursuant to § 12 of this subtitle. No person admitted pursuant to this subsection may be retained by a facility for any period in excess of one year unless his admission status has been changed after initial admission or unless at the expiration of each one-year period of inpatient residence a new request is executed by a parent or the legal guardian of the patient. At those facilities established under Article 59 § 31(a), the admission of any person under 18 years of age shall be treated as an involuntary admission and shall be subject to the provisions of § 12 of this article, except that a minor who has attained the age of ~~-{16-}~~ 14 years [may consent to admission for the purpose of diagnosis and consultation pursuant to Article 43, § 135A] MAY BE VOLUNTARILY ADMITTED IF HE THE MINOR REQUESTS ADMISSION AND MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR VOLUNTARY ADMISSION SET FORTH IN §§ 11(A) AND (B)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE. FOR PURPOSES OF SUCH VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS, THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 43, § 135A SHALL APPLY. Additionally, the admission of a minor by a parent OR LEGAL GUARDIAN to a child or adolescent unit for the purpose of diagnosis and ~~consultation~~ TREATMENT which is assented to by two physicians, or one physician and one certified psychologist may be treated as a voluntary admission for a period not to exceed 20 days.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

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AN ACT concerning