

559 AND WHICH IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS (JCAH).

(B) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO EVERY ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY OPERATED IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING ANY FACILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THIS STATE, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:

(I) AN ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, IF THE ORGANIZATION MERELY CONDUCTS MEETINGS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO EXHIBIT THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL ABUSE;

(II) A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HAS AN EMPLOYEES' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; OR

(III) ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM, INC.

~~{C}--EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE AN ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY UNLESS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE UNDER ARTICLE 43, § 557A.~~

~~{D}~~ (C) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO SET STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITIES.

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~~{d}-{4}--"RELATED INSTITUTIONS"--INCLUDES AN ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY THAT, UNDER ARTICLE 26, § 301A OF THE CODE, OFFERS TREATMENT, CARE, AND REHABILITATION FOR INDIVIDUALS EXHIBITING THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL ABUSE, WHETHER OR NOT THE INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ARE EMPLOYED GAINFULLY.~~

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~~{A}--A FACILITY SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE BEFORE THE PERSON MAY OPERATE A RELATED INSTITUTION WHICH IS AN ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY IN THIS STATE.~~

~~{B} {A} THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN THIS STATE.~~

~~{B}--HOWEVER, THE ALCOHOLISM CONTROL ADMINISTRATION SHALL PRESENT THE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW PRIOR TO THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE~~