

The former words "organization" and "institution" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "agency".

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PART III. ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITIES.

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(A) "ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY":

(1) MEANS ANY FACILITY THAT PROVIDES TREATMENT, CARE, AND REHABILITATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOW THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE OR ALCOHOLISM; AND

(2) INCLUDES A FACILITY THAT IS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THIS STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

(B) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) THE OFFICE OF A PHYSICIAN WHO IS TREATING PATIENTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE;

(2) A HOSPITAL THAT IS:

(I) LICENSED UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS;

(3) ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, IF THE ORGANIZATION MERELY HOLDS MEETINGS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOW THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE OR ALCOHOLISM;

(4) AN EMPLOYEES' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF A BUSINESS ENTITY; OR

(5) THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM, INC.

(C) RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITIES.

(D) EFFECTIVE DATE.