

REGULATED UNDER THE MARYLAND CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of phrases such as "any controlled dangerous substance, the use of which either is prohibited or regulated by §§ 276 through 302 of Article 27".

As to the Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, see Article 27, § 276 et seq. of the Code.

(E) DRUG ABUSE.

(1) "DRUG ABUSE" MEANS:

(I) MISUSE OR UNLAWFUL USE OF A DRUG;

(II) DRUG DEPENDENCE; OR

(III) DRUG ADDICTION.

(2) "DRUG ABUSE" DOES NOT INCLUDE TAKING A DRUG UNDER ACCORDING TO A LAWFUL PRESCRIPTION THAT IS ISSUED, IN THE COURSE OF PROFESSIONAL TREATMENT, FOR A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL PURPOSE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Paragraph (1)(i) and (ii) of this subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43B, § 2(d).

Paragraph (1)(iii) and (2) of this subsection are new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43B, § 2(e)(2) and (3) and rephrased to describe the actions that constitute drug abuse.

In paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the defined term "drug" is substituted for the description of a "controlled dangerous substance...", for brevity.

Also in paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, reference to an "unlawful" use of a drug is substituted for the ambiguous reference to an "unauthorized" use.

Also in paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the former reference to "experimentation" is deleted as overly broad, since there are lawful experimental uses of drugs, and as otherwise unnecessary in light of the references to "misuse" and "unlawful use".