

(II) TO PROTECT SOCIETY AGAINST THE SOCIAL CONTAGION OF DRUG DEPENDENCE; AND

(III) TO MEET THE NEED OF DRUG ABUSERS FOR MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION WITHOUT UNDUE INTERFERENCE WITH LIBERTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43B, § 1.

In the introductory clause of subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to the report of the Maryland Commission to Study the Problems of Drug Addiction is deleted. The original findings of the General Assembly were based partly on that report, which was submitted in 1969.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the defined term "person {s}" is substituted for "individuals and organizations."

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the defined term "drug" is substituted for the reference to "narcotics and other dangerous drugs", for clarity and consistency.

Subsection (a)(4) of this section is revised in general language to avoid the former specific reference to a percentage of crime, which is possibly obsolete and is unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(4) of this section, the defined term "drug addict {s}" is substituted for the reference to crimes of "drug abusers". This substitution reinstates the reference in former Article 43B, § 1, as enacted by Ch. 404, Acts of 1969. The substitution of the broader term "drug abuser" by Ch. 883, Acts of 1980, was evidently inadvertent, in light of the continued reference to problems related to "drug addiction".

In subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section, the reference to a drug abuser who is "accused" of a crime is added for completeness since former Article 43B, § 1(c) referred to those "drug abusers who are not accused of crimes, as well as drug abusers convicted of crimes", but was silent as to drug abusers who are accused, but not convicted.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Drug" § 9-101
"Drug abuse" § 9-101 "Drug dependence" § 9-101