

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to avoid confusion over the scope of the term "article" as it appears in the Compact and over the possible applicability of the definitions appearing in § 1-101 of this article. The Compact contains its own definitions in Article II of the Compact.

11-102. COMPACT ENACTED INTO LAW AND ENTERED INTO.

THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH IS ENACTED INTO LAW AND ENTERED INTO WITH ALL OTHER STATES JOINING IN IT IN THE FORM SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN § 11-103 OF THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 41, § 319.

The only changes are in style.

Defined term: "State" § 1-101

11-103. TEXT OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH.

THE CONTRACTING STATES SOLEMNLY AGREE THAT:

ARTICLE I

THE PARTY STATES FIND THAT THE PROPER AND EXPEDITIOUS TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY DEFICIENT CAN BE FACILITATED BY COOPERATIVE ACTION, TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. FURTHER, THE PARTY STATES FIND THAT THE NECESSITY OF AND DESIRABILITY FOR FURNISHING SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT BEAR NO PRIMARY RELATION TO THE RESIDENCE OR CITIZENSHIP OF THE PATIENT BUT THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, THE CONTROLLING FACTORS OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HUMANITARIANISM REQUIRE THAT FACILITIES AND SERVICES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO ARE IN NEED OF THEM. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT AND OF THE PARTY STATES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEGAL BASIS FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY DEFICIENT UNDER A SYSTEM THAT RECOGNIZES THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT WELFARE AND TO ESTABLISH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTY STATES IN TERMS OF SUCH WELFARE.

ARTICLE II

AS USED IN THIS COMPACT:

(1) "SENDING STATE" SHALL MEAN A PARTY STATE FROM WHICH A PATIENT IS TRANSPORTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT OR FROM WHICH IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT A PATIENT MAY BE SO SENT.