

CHAPTER 695

(House Bill 1314)

AN ACT concerning

Rights of Mentally Ill Individuals in Facilities

FOR the purpose of providing that one of the circumstances under which restraints or locked door seclusions may be used in a mental health facility is to prevent a serious disruption in the therapeutic environment; repealing the provision permitting a physician to order restraints or locked door seclusions as part of a mode or course of treatment; and generally relating to the use of restraints or locked door seclusions in a mental health facility only under certain circumstances. .

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 10-701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 10-701(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the policy of this State, to the best of its ability, to foster and preserve the mental health of its citizens; and to that end, to provide without partiality care and treatment to citizens who have mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this State to meet the highest standards for the care and treatment of citizens with mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has set professional standards for quality of care in mental health facilities; and

WHEREAS, The policy for restraint and seclusion of individuals in mental health facilities should be consistent with the standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals; now, therefore,