

(a) (1) In cooperation with State and local police, the Administration and appropriate officials of each subdivision of this State shall have procedures under which personnel other than the police are authorized to exercise the powers under this section whenever feasible so that the exercise of those powers by the police are reduced to a minimum.

(2) The police and other authorized personnel who act under this section are acting within the scope of their official duty.

(b) (1) The police or other authorized personnel may take or send a publicly intoxicated individual:

(i) To the individual's home;

(ii) To a health facility; or

(iii) If the individual is unable to decide rationally about accepting help or the individual's health is in immediate danger, to a detoxification center.

(2) If the police use commercial means to transport an intoxicated individual under this subsection, the police may take reasonable measures to assure that the individual pays in advance.

(c) Unless a criminal charge is filed, an entry of an action under this section may not be made on the arrest or other criminal record of the intoxicated individual.

8-502.

If, after the police arrest an intoxicated individual for a criminal offense, the individual seems to require emergency medical treatment, the police immediately shall take the individual to a detoxification center or other appropriate medical facility.

8-503.

In carrying out §§ 8-501 and 8-502 of this subtitle, the police shall make every reasonable effort to protect the health and safety of the intoxicated individual.

8-504.

An intoxicated individual may go voluntarily to a detoxification center for medical or paramedical attention. However, the center shall give priority to individuals who are unable to decide rationally about help or otherwise are in immediate medical danger.