CHAPTER 782

(Senate Bill 488)

AN ACT concerning

Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Intoxicated Individuals - Evaluation and Treatment

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to adopt certain regulations relating to the evaluation and treatment of intoxicated individuals; establishing the circumstances under which certain personnel may take an intoxicated individual to the individual's home, a detoxification center, or a health care facility; establishing certain procedures for the admission of an individual to a detoxification center or a health care facility; clarifying the authority of a judge to order the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct an evaluation of a defendant; authorizing certain judges to establish certain conditions for the performance of an evaluation; clarifying the authority of a judge to commit a defendant to the Department for evaluation or treatment under certain circumstances; providing that the time spent by a defendant in evaluation and treatment shall be credited against the sentence imposed by a court; establishing certain responsibilities of the Department; clarifying provisions relating to the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the provision of services to intoxicated individuals and to individuals with alcohol or drug abuse problems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 8-101; 8-501 through 8-503, inclusive, to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 5. Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Publicly Intoxicated Individuals, Court Ordered Evaluations, and Voluntary Treatment"; 8-801 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 6. Privileged Information"; and 8-901 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 7. Prohibited Acts; Penalties"

Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing