

[(j)] (L) "Drug dependence" means a disease characterized by:

- (1) Drug abuse; and
- (2) Physical symptoms of withdrawal or tolerance.

[(k)] (M) "State Advisory Council" means the State Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Subtitle 5. [Disposition and Treatment of an Alcohol Abuser]
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE - PUBLICLY INTOXICATED INDIVIDUALS,
COURT ORDERED EVALUATIONS, AND VOLUNTARY TREATMENT

8-501.

(a) (1) In cooperation with State and local police, the Administration [and appropriate officials of each subdivision of this State shall have procedures] MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS 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] IF A PUBLICLY INTOXICATED INDIVIDUAL CONSENTS OR AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, THE police or other authorized personnel may take or send a publicly intoxicated individual TO:

[(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]

(1) THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME;

(2) A DETOXIFICATION CENTER; OR

(3) ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-101(E) OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(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.]