

~~Article — Health — General~~

~~SUBTITLE 6A. ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT FOR INMATES.~~

~~8-6A-01.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 8-403(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN INMATE DETAINED IN A LOCAL OR STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WHO IS DETERMINED BY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER § 14-301 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO HAVE AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG DEPENDENCE SHALL BE PLACED IN AN APPROPRIATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN.~~

~~(C) ANY TREATMENT PRESCRIBED MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THE INMATE TO BE TREATED HAS CONSENTED IN WRITING TO THE TREATMENT.~~

~~(D) ALL PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS RELATING TO THE DETERMINATION OF AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG DEPENDENCE AND THE TREATMENT OF AN INMATE WHO HAS AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG DEPENDENCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.~~

~~(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(F) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, Many studies have indicated that substance abuse constitutes one of the major contributing factors to criminal activity, including violent crimes and property crimes; and

WHEREAS, A study by the pretrial release program in Baltimore City estimated that 70% of those arrested tested positive for drug use; and

WHEREAS, There is a 6-month waiting period in the State to receive drug treatment; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment programs constitute a good investment of public funds yielding a significant return; and

WHEREAS, The benefits of alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment programs justify the use of scarce public funds to pay for these programs; and

WHEREAS, The results of a landmark 1992 study in California of the effectiveness and benefits of alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment programs in