

~~(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, on request by a person suspected of abuse or neglect, the Department shall hold an administrative hearing for the purpose of allowing the person to appeal the entry of the person's name in a central registry.~~

~~(2) The hearing shall be held in the county in which the person suspected of abuse or neglect resides.~~

~~(3) The name of a person adjudicated a child abuser may be entered in a central registry without an opportunity for a hearing under this subsection.~~

~~(d) The Department may not enter the name of a person in a central registry unless the person has:~~

~~(1) been adjudicated a child abuser;~~

~~(2) unsuccessfully appealed the entry of the person's name in the central registry under procedures established by the Department and this section; or~~

~~(3) failed to respond within 15 days to notice by the Department of the Department's intent to enter the person's name in a central registry.~~

~~(e) The Department without the necessity of a request shall remove the name of a person suspected of abuse or neglect from a central registry if no entry has been made for that person for 7 years after the entry of the person's name in a registry.]~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted shall take effect June 1, 1999.

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CHAPTER 215

(House Bill 172)

AN ACT concerning

Vessels - Operating While Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol

FOR the purpose of making the results of a test to determine the drug or controlled dangerous substance content of a person's blood admissible as evidence in a criminal case involving a violation of the prohibition against operating a vessel while under the influence of any controlled dangerous substance or while so far under the influence of any drug, combination of drugs, or combination of drugs and alcohol that the person cannot operate a vessel safely; establishing that a certain alcohol concentration, as determined by an analysis of the person's blood or breath, is prima facie evidence that the person was operating a vessel while intoxicated; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the operation of