

CHAPTER 385

(House Bill 588)

AN ACT concerning

Refusal of Psychiatric Medication – ~~Administrative~~ Clinical Review Panel

~~FOR the purpose of providing the circumstances under which involuntarily admitted psychiatric patients may be medicated against their will; defining certain terms; providing for the evaluation of this Act by a certain time; and generally relating to the administration of psychiatric medication.~~

FOR the purpose of providing the circumstances under which psychiatric medication may be administered to an individual who is hospitalized involuntarily or committed for treatment by order of a court when the individual refuses medication; authorizing a clinical review panel to approve the administration of certain medication to certain individuals under certain circumstances; providing for the membership of a clinical review panel; providing for notice to and an opportunity to be heard by an individual before a clinical review panel; requiring a clinical review panel to make certain determinations before it may approve the administration of medication to an individual who refuses medication; providing for a right to appeal from a certain decision by a clinical review panel; providing for the renewal of an approval by a clinical review panel; providing certain persons certain immunity under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the evaluation of this Act by a certain time; and generally relating to the administration of psychiatric medication.

BY repealing

Article – Health – General
Section 10-708
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-370.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 10-708
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

Preamble