

CHAPTER 31

(Senate Bill 29)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Law – Voluntary Admissions

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum permitted duration of an individual's stay in a residential facility or a Veterans' Administration hospital for treatment of alcoholism under certain circumstances; and generally relating to voluntary admissions under the Mental Hygiene law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 10-803(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

10-803.

(b) [(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an] AN individual who has been admitted voluntarily, under a formal written application, may not be held for more than 3 days after the individual asks for release, unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

[(2) If the individual has been admitted voluntarily, under a formal written application, primarily for care or treatment of alcoholism, the individual may not be held for more than 7 days after the individual asks for release, unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 9, 1991.

CHAPTER 32

(Senate Bill 32)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Economic and Employment Development –
Maryland Industrial Land Act**