

presence of such parent, legal guardian, or next of kin at any stage of the judicial proceedings under this section.

(e)(1) The duration of commitment to the Authority shall consist of the total of all periods of in-patient and out-patient care, and shall be an unspecified period which shall commence and terminate as provided in subsection (e)(2) of this section. The court shall not fix the minimum or maximum length of the period.

(e)(2) The period shall commence on the date the order of certification is made and shall terminate upon the first to occur of (i) the discharge of such drug addict by the Authority as rehabilitated, or (ii) the expiration of a period of seven years from the date such period commenced. However, the period of the initial in-patient care received by an addict immediately following an order of commitment under this section may not exceed two years. If on the first anniversary of the order of commitment the addict is still receiving initial in-patient care, the Authority must apply for and receive an order from the committing court approving further in-patient care.

(e)(3) Whenever the Authority shall conclude that a person committed pursuant to this section is not a fit subject for rehabilitation, the Authority shall return such person to the committing court for an order terminating the commitment.

(f) Unless the alleged drug addict otherwise requests, all proceedings under this section shall be private and shall be conducted in closed sessions. The court shall order all papers made part of any proceeding under this section to be filed in the ~~county~~ APPROPRIATE clerk's office OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY, sealed, and exhibited only to the parties to the proceedings, or someone properly interested, upon further order of the court.

(g) The court may, in an appropriate case, direct the detention of an alleged drug addict in any detention facility designated by the Authority pending proceedings pursuant to this section.

10. Preservation of Rights.

The determination that a person is a drug addict and the subsequent civil commitment under Section 9 shall not be deemed a criminal conviction. No facts or results of any proceeding, examination, test, or procedure to determine that a person is a drug addict shall be used against such person in any proceeding.

11. Contriving to Have Person Unlawfully Adjudged Drug Addict: Misdemeanor.

Every person who knowingly contrives to have any person adjudged a drug addict under Section 9 unlawfully or improperly shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine or a maximum of three years imprisonment or both.

12. Commitment to the Authority of Persons Convicted of a Crime.

(a) Upon conviction of a defendant of any crime in any court of this State having competent jurisdiction, if it appears to the presiding judge by any reason that the defendant may be a drug addict, and the judge elects to proceed herein, such judge shall adjourn the proceedings, suspend the imposition of sentence, and order the