

**PROVIDING FOR THE STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF ALCOHOLISM**  
**Act of Aug. 20, 1953, P.L. 1212, No. 338**  
AN ACT

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Providing for the study of the problems of alcoholism; the treatment, commitment, rehabilitation and protection of persons addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts and the Department of Health; and making an appropriation.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Duty of the Department of Health.--The Department of Health is hereby authorized and required to establish a Program of Alcoholic Studies and Rehabilitation, hereinafter referred to as the "Program," to (1) study the problems of alcoholism, (2) treat and rehabilitate persons addicted to excessive use of alcoholic beverages, and (3) promote preventive and educational programs designed to eliminate alcoholism.

(1 amended Oct. 29, 1969, P.L.286, No.117)

**Compiler's Note:** Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1973 provided that the functions, powers and duties of the Department of Health with regard to the prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, research, education, and training aspects of drug and alcohol abuse and dependence problems, including, but not limited to, those vested in the coordinating agency, the Division of Drug and Alcohol Emergency Medical Services and Studies, as set forth in sections 1 and 4 of Act 338, are transferred to the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Section 2. Appointment of Director.--(2 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 3. Personnel.--(3 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 4. Hospital and Clinical Facilities; State Institutions.--The Secretary of Health shall contract for or establish such hospital and clinical facilities as are necessary to care properly for persons addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages, and shall establish standards for the administration and organization of these facilities. The Secretary of Health may also contract for the use of any State institution having adequate facilities therefor and admissions and commitments may be made thereto.

(4 amended Dec. 28, 1972, P.L.1644, No.345)

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Section 5. Commitment; Procedure.--(5 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 6. Appointment of Guardian.--(6 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 7. Duration of Commitment.--(7 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 8. Leaves of Absence; Discharges.--(8 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 9. Habeas Corpus.--(9 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 10. Costs.--(10 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 11. Court Order for Payment of Costs.--(11 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 12. Collection of Costs.--(12 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 13. Acceptance of Gifts, Etc.--(13 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)

Section 14. Appropriation.--(14 repealed Apr. 14, 1972, P.L.221, No.63)