

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.6503 Continuation of protective custody; detention; consent to remain in program; discharge.**

Sec. 6503. (1) An individual who is taken to an approved service program or emergency medical service pursuant to section 6501(1) shall continue to be in protective custody. The individual shall not be detained once the individual is medically examined and found not to be incapacitated. An individual found by medical examination to be incapacitated shall be detained until the individual is no longer incapacitated or for not more than 72 hours after the individual is taken to the approved service program or emergency medical service. An individual may consent to remain in the program for as long as the physician in charge believes appropriate.

(2) An individual who is taken to an approved service program or emergency medical service pursuant to section 6501(5), shall be discharged to a law enforcement officer after the individual is no longer incapacitated. An individual who remains incapacitated at the expiration of 72 hours after the individual has been taken to the approved service program or emergency medical service shall be discharged to a law enforcement officer unless both of the following occur:

- (a) The individual agrees to remain in the program longer than 72 hours.
- (b) The physician in charge of the program believes it appropriate that the individual remain in the program longer than 72 hours.

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