145.698 CONFINEMENT OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSON.

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** When a person has been accused of violating any state or local law or ordinance in district court, and if it appears to the court that the defendant may be a drug dependent person, or by reason of the repeated use of drugs may not be responsible for that person's actions, the court may adjourn the proceedings and order the county attorney to file a petition for commitment of the defendant pursuant to chapter 253B, the Minnesota Commitment and Treatment Act, for confinement in a hospital, a mental health center, the Willmar Regional Treatment Center or other drug treatment facility until such time as the court feels that such person can be returned to the court.

Subd. 2. **Stay; commitment.** Upon conviction of a defendant for any crime, or following revocation of probation previously granted whether or not sentence has been imposed, if it appears to the court that the defendant may be a drug dependent person, or by reason of the repeated use of drugs may be in imminent danger of becoming addicted, the court may adjourn the proceedings or suspend imposition or execution of sentence and order the county attorney to file a petition for commitment of the defendant pursuant to chapter 253B until the court feels that the person is no longer in need of institutional care and treatment.

History: *1971 c 892 s 11; 1983 c 247 s 62; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 384 art 1 s 49; 1998 c 254 art 2 s 11; 2000 c 260 s 22*