

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 241 entitled “An act relating to rulemaking on emergency involuntary  
4 procedures” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as  
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec.1, subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2)(B), by striking out  
8 the words “as a nurse practitioner” after Vermont Board of Nursing in both  
9 instances in which it appears

10 Second: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof  
11 the following:

12 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 7251 is amended to read:

13 § 7251. PRINCIPLES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

14 The General Assembly adopts the following principles as a framework for  
15 reforming the mental health care system in Vermont:

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17 (9) Individuals with a psychiatric disability or mental condition who are  
18 in the custody or temporary custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health  
19 and who receive treatment in an acute inpatient hospital unit, intensive  
20 residential recovery facility, or a secure residential recovery facility shall be  
21 afforded ~~at least the same~~ rights and protections as ~~those individuals cared for~~

1 ~~at the former Vermont State Hospital~~ that reflect evidence-based best practices  
2 aimed at reducing the use of emergency involuntary procedures.

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6 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE