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**Act No. 30 (H.46). Health; mental health; miscellaneous**

**An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law**

This act specifies that the consent form required prior to an individual's voluntary admission on an inpatient psychiatric unit include representation that the individual understands that treatment may occur on a locked unit and that a requested discharge may be deferred if the treating physician determines the individual meets the statutory criteria for involuntary treatment. The act further specifies that the existing requirement that a head of hospital post excerpts of relevant statutes for psychiatric patients include statutes pertaining to the process for changing a patient's status from involuntary to voluntary.

The act requires the Department of Mental Health to oversee, collect information, and report on data regarding the use of emergency involuntary procedures for patients admitted to a psychiatric unit, regardless of whether the patient is under the care and custody of the Commissioner. It further extends the reporting requirement established by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 7 pertaining to patients seeking mental health treatment in hospital settings from January 15, 2021 until January 15, 2023 and simultaneously narrows the existing reporting requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021