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An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. § 7503, in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 1 in lieu thereof to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 7503 is amended to read:

§ 7503. APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY ADMISSION

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(b) Before the person may be admitted as a voluntary patient, ~~he or she~~ the person shall give ~~his or her~~ consent in writing on a form adopted by the Department. The consent shall include a representation that:

(1) the person understands that ~~his or her~~ treatment will involve inpatient status;

(2) ~~that he or she~~ the person desires to be admitted to the hospital, ~~and;~~

(3) ~~that he or she~~ the person consents to admission voluntarily, without any coercion or duress; and

(4) the person understands that inpatient treatment may be on a locked unit and a requested discharge may be deferred if the treating physician determines that the person is a person in need of treatment pursuant to section 7101 of this title.

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