

Senate proposal of amendment

H. 46

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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