

Help for Caregivers Trying to Hospitalize a Loved-One During a Mental Health Crisis

PERTINENT HIGHLIGHTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1194 CHAPTER 570

An act to amend Section 5150 of the Welfare and Institution Code, relating to mental health.

The Lanterman-Petris Short Act (LPS) established criteria that is used to determine when involuntary hospitalization and treatment for those with serious mental illness is required. Amendment 1194, approved by the state legislature on October 7, 2015, amends and clarifies the intent of the original LPS law: When conducting an evaluation for involuntary hold, those making the determination whether LPS criteria are met **must not rely solely on imminent presentation, but must also consider the historical course of the person's mental disorder.**

“ . . . **requires** any person who is authorized to take or cause that person to be taken into custody to consider available relevant information about the historical course of the person's mental disorder. . . “

“The bill would also **require** the application to record whether the historical course of a person's mental disorder was considered in the determination of probable cause.”

THE FULL TEXT OF THE BILL IS AVAILABLE AT: www.acbhcs.org and www.leginfo.ca.gov

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