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](http://www.acbhcs.org) and [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)

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