

AN ACT concerning health.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code is amended by changing Sections 3-801, 3-811, and 3-902 as follows:

(405 ILCS 5/3-801) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 3-801)

Sec. 3-801. A respondent may request admission as an informal or voluntary recipient at any time prior to an adjudication that he is subject to involuntary admission. The facility director shall approve such a request unless the facility director determines that the respondent lacks the capacity to consent to informal or voluntary admission or that informal or voluntary admission is clinically inappropriate. The director shall not find that voluntary admission is clinically inappropriate in the absence of a documented history of the respondent's illness and treatment demonstrating that the respondent is unlikely to continue to receive needed treatment following release from informal or voluntary admission and that an order for alternative treatment or for care and custody is necessary in order to ensure continuity of treatment outside a mental health facility.

If the facility director approves such a request, the

petitioner shall be notified of the request and of his or her right to object thereto, if the petitioner has requested such notification on that individual recipient. The court may dismiss the pending proceedings, but shall consider any objection made by either the petitioner or the State's Attorney and may require proof that such dismissal is in the best interest of the respondent and of the public. If voluntary admission is accepted and the petition is dismissed by the court, notice shall be provided to the petitioner, orally and in writing, of his or her right to receive notice of the recipient's discharge pursuant to Section 3-902(d).

(Source: P.A. 94-521, eff. 1-1-06.)

(405 ILCS 5/3-811) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 3-811)

Sec. 3-811. Involuntary admission; alternative mental health facilities. (a) If any person is found subject to involuntary admission, the court shall consider alternative mental health facilities which are appropriate for and available to the respondent, including but not limited to hospitalization. The court may order the respondent to undergo a program of hospitalization in a mental health facility designated by the Department, in a licensed private hospital or private mental health facility if it agrees, or in a facility of the United States Veterans Administration if it agrees; or the court may order the respondent to undergo a program of alternative treatment; or the court may place the respondent in

the care and custody of a relative or other person willing and able to properly care for him or her. The court shall order the least restrictive alternative for treatment which is appropriate.

(b) Whenever a person is found subject to involuntary admission, notice shall be provided to the petitioner, orally and in writing, of his or her right to receive notice of the recipient's discharge pursuant to Section 3-902(d).

(Source: P.A. 91-726, eff. 6-2-00.)

(405 ILCS 5/3-902) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 3-902)

Sec. 3-902. Director initiated discharge.

(a) The facility director may at any time discharge an informal, voluntary, or minor recipient who is clinically suitable for discharge.

(b) The facility director shall discharge a recipient admitted upon court order under this Chapter or any prior statute where he is no longer subject to involuntary admission. If the facility director believes that continuing treatment is advisable for such recipient, he shall inform the recipient of his right to remain as an informal or voluntary recipient.

(c) When a facility director discharges or changes the status of a recipient pursuant to this Section he shall promptly notify the clerk of the court which entered the original order of the discharge or change in status. Upon receipt of such notice, the clerk of the court shall note the

action taken in the court record. If the person being discharged is a person under legal disability, the facility director shall also submit a certificate regarding his legal status without disability pursuant to Section 3-907.

(d) When the facility director determines that discharge is appropriate for a recipient pursuant to this Section or Section 3-403 he or she shall notify the state's attorney of the county in which the recipient resided immediately prior to his admission to a mental health facility and the state's attorney of the county where the last petition for commitment was filed at least 48 hours prior to the discharge when either state's attorney has requested in writing such notification on that individual recipient or when the facility director regards a recipient as a continuing threat to the peace and safety of the community. Upon receipt of such notice, the state's attorney may take any court action or notify such peace officers that he deems appropriate. When the facility director determines that discharge is appropriate for a recipient pursuant to this Section or Section 3-403, he or she shall notify the person whose petition pursuant to Section 3-701 resulted in the current hospitalization of the recipient's discharge at least 48 hours prior to the discharge, if the petitioner has requested in writing such notification on that individual recipient.

(e) The facility director may grant a temporary release to a recipient whose condition is not considered appropriate for

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discharge where such release is considered to be clinically appropriate, provided that the release does not endanger the public safety.

(Source: P.A. 91-726, eff. 6-2-00.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.