
DIGEST

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HB 79 Engrossed

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McMahan

Abstract: Provides for the selection of a treatment facility by a patient and the protection of a patient's right to receive treatment.

Present law provides that a treatment facility shall be selected in the following order of priority:

- (1) Medical suitability.
- (2) Least restriction of the person's liberty.
- (3) Nearness to the patient's usual residence.
- (4) Financial or other status of the patient.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that in the selection of the treatment facility a patient's preference shall be the fifth consideration.

Present law provides that a patient may be admitted by an emergency certificate to be diagnosed and treated.

(Amends R.S. 28:2(39)(a)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Restore present law relative to the transport of a patient to a treatment facility.
2. Make technical changes.