

SENATE BILL NO. 236

BY SENATOR BARROW

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(c)(i) and to enact R.S. 28:53(G)(8), relative to
3 mental health law; to provide relative to examination, admission, commitment, and
4 treatment of persons suffering from mental illness and substance abuse; to provide
5 with respect to admission by emergency certificate; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(c)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 28:53(G)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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12 G.(1) * * *

13 (7) As it relates to the parish of St. Tammany, all of the following shall apply:

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15 (c)(i) When a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an
16 emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate ~~may,~~ when
17 appropriate, shall be executed by a physician at the admitting facility.

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19 (8) As it relates to the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans,
20 and Ouachita, the following shall apply:

21 (a) When a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an
22 emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate, when
23 appropriate, shall be executed by a physician at the admitting facility.

1 (b) The coroner shall be notified immediately following the execution of
2 the second emergency certificate and shall conduct an independent examination
3 within seventy-two hours as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, in the
4 manner provided in accordance with Subparagraph (G)(7)(a) of this Section.

5 (c) Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize a period of
6 commitment to exceed fifteen days from the date and time the initial emergency
7 certificate was executed in the parish of origin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____