
DIGEST

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HB 546 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes a peace officer to take a person into protective custody in certain circumstances.

Present law provides that a peace officer may take a person into protective custody if, as result of his personal observation, there exists reasonable grounds to believe that the person is a proper subject for an involuntary hold because the person is acting in manner dangerous to himself, to others, or is gravely disabled and is in need of immediate hospitalization to protect such person or others from physical harm.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a peace officer may determine that reasonable grounds exist to place a person in protective custody based on the peace officer's observations or credible third-party information.

Present law provides that a peace officer shall transport a person in protective custody to a treatment facility.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a peace officer shall comply with existing departmental practices and procedures.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(L)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add that peace officers act in accordance with the provisions of present and proposed law and existing departmental practices or procedures.