

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to petitions for authorizing involuntary outpatient treatment

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:67(4), relative to behavioral health; to provide for persons  
3 who may petition to the court to authorize involuntary outpatient treatment; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 28:67(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §67. Petition to the court

8 A petition for an order authorizing involuntary outpatient treatment may be  
9 filed in the judicial district in the parish in which the patient is present or reasonably  
10 believed to be present. A petition to obtain an order authorizing involuntary  
11 outpatient treatment may be initiated by one of the following persons:

12 \* \* \*

13 (4) Any interested person through counsel ~~with written concurrence of the~~  
14 ~~coroner in the jurisdiction in which the person is found.~~

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for persons who may petition the court when authorizing involuntary outpatient treatment.

Present law provides that a petition to obtain an order authorizing involuntary outpatient treatment may be initiated by several authorized persons including any interested person through counsel with written concurrence of the coroner in the jurisdiction in which the person is found.

Proposed law retains present law but no longer requires that an interested person through counsel shall have written concurrence of the coroner in the jurisdiction in which the person is found.

(Amends R.S. 28:67(4))