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Abstract: Identifies a person who is unable to protect himself from serious physical harm or significant psychiatric deterioration as gravely disabled and defines psychiatric deterioration.

Present law defines "gravely disabled" as the condition of a person who is unable to provide for his own basic physical needs as a result of serious mental illness or a substance-related or addictive disorder and is unable to survive safely in freedom or protect himself from serious harm.

Proposed law expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to include a person who is unable to protect himself from serious physical harm or significant psychiatric deterioration.

Proposed law defines "psychiatric deterioration" as a decline in mental functioning, which diminishes the person's capacity to reason, exercise judgment, or control his behavior.

(Amends R.S. 28:2(13); Adds R.S. 28:2(40))