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Abstract: Clarifies that a victim of sex trafficking may suffer from a mental illness or condition as a result of the victim's experiences that may require a qualified healthcare professional to determine that an emergency certificate may be appropriate.

Present law provides that an individual with a mental illness or substance abuse or addiction disorder may be admitted and detained at a treatment facility of up to two periods of 15 days by a qualified healthcare professional executing an emergency certificate.

Present law requires that a qualified healthcare professional conduct an examination of the individual and determine that the individual is a danger to self or others or is gravely disabled in order to execute an emergency certificate.

Proposed law modifies present law clarifying that a victim of sex trafficking may suffer a mental illness or condition as a result of the victim's experiences that rises to a level that a qualified healthcare professional may determine that executing an emergency certificate is appropriate.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(A) and (B)(1))