

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6392



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: REP. CARNEY, 23rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STANDARDS OF REVIEW USED BY THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Psychiatric 2 Security Review Board to consider the protection of society its "primary 3 concern" and the well-being of the acquittee its "secondary concern" 4 when evaluating for discharge, conditional release or confinement, (2) 5 in the context of an acquittee's request for temporary leave: (A) Require 6 said board to hold hearings on all applications for temporary leave; (B) 7 remove the ability of an acquittee to be released on temporary leave 8 under the charge of himself or herself; and (C) increase the waiting 9 period between applications for acquittee temporary leave from six 10 months to twelve months, (3) increase the waiting period between 11 applications for an acquittee's conditional release from six months to 12 twelve months, and (4) require said board to apply a burden of proof of 13 "clear and convincing evidence" when evaluating a request for a 14 placement order less restrictive than the existing order.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the standards of review used by the Psychiatric Security Review Board for managing the confinement and release of persons found not-guilty by reason of insanity.