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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING CHANGES RELATED TO THE SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill clarifies the difference between a "designated facility", an "emergency medical services facility", and a "law enforcement facility", as those terms are used in connection with the 72-hour emergency mental health procedure. In current law, a person who is being detained under a 72-hour emergency mental health procedure must be taken to a facility that was previously designated or approved by the executive director of

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SENATE Amended 2nd Reading April 18, 2016 the department of human services (designated facility). The bill expands this to allow individuals to be admitted to a law enforcement facility if space is not available in a designated facility or an emergency medical services facility, provided certain conditions are met, including that the person cannot be held for longer than 24 hours in the law enforcement facility without a court order granting a one-time extension, not to exceed 72 additional hours.

Current law allows for the facility in which the person is receiving treatment and evaluation to hold the person for a period not to exceed 72 hours from the time of his or her admission to the facility providing treatment and evaluation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, if treatment and evaluation is not available on those days. The bill also excludes from the 72-hour calculation any time required for non-psychiatric medical screening or treatment. It requires that a person who is taken into custody through the emergency procedure must receive an evaluation as soon as possible and receive appropriate treatment for his or her condition for the full period that he or she is in emergency custody.

If, at any time during the 72-hour custody, a mental health or medical professional determines the person can be properly cared for without being detained any longer, the person must be discharged as soon as possible.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

- (a) Colorado currently lacks adequate resources to appropriately care for some individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis or psychiatric emergency;
- (b) Although Colorado statute specifies that individuals placed on an emergency hold may be taken to a facility designated by the executive director of the department of human services to provide seventy-two-hour mental health treatment and evaluation or to a jail or other law enforcement facility, the designated facilities are often unavailable and law enforcement facilities are not designed for, nor do they have adequate resources to provide, comprehensive mental health care to individuals in

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1	crisis;
2	(c) Because law enforcement facilities lack the resources to
3	provide comprehensive mental health evaluation and treatment to
4	individuals in crisis, they should only be used as a last resort when other,
5	more appropriate facilities are unavailable when an individual is placed
6	on an emergency mental health hold;
7	(d) Often, patients who are experiencing a psychiatric emergency
8	are taken to the nearest emergency department, regardless of whether or
9	not it is part of a facility that is designated to provide seventy-two-hour
10	treatment and evaluation;
11	(e) Federal law requires all hospitals to screen and stabilize every
12	patient who comes to an emergency department, including those
13	experiencing a psychiatric emergency; and
14	(f) Colorado hospitals are committed to providing appropriate care
15	for patients with mental illnesses, but many of our hospitals are not
16	equipped or lack other resources to offer the type of specialty mental
17	health care required for designated facilities.
18	(2) The general assembly therefore finds that:
19	(a) It is necessary to provide more clarity and flexibility in state
20	law so communities throughout the state can determine the appropriate
21	response for their individual community in caring for persons who are
22	experiencing a mental health crisis or psychiatric emergency; and
23	(b) In the absence of additional state resources, law enforcement
24	and health care providers should work collaboratively to provide the best
25	and most compassionate care possible for individuals experiencing a
26	mental health crisis or psychiatric emergency.
27	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-107, add (11)

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1	as follows:
2	26-1-107. State board of human services - rules. (11) NOTHING
3	IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO GRANT RULE-MAKING
4	AUTHORITY OVER ANY DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY DELEGATED TO A LAW
5	ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY, OR EMERGENCY
6	MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 65 OF TITLE 27, C.R.S.
7	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-102, add (5.3).
8	(5.7), and (11.5) as follows:
9	27-65-102. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context
10	otherwise requires:
11	(5.3) "DESIGNATED FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY DESIGNATED OR
12	APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR
13	TREATMENT AND EVALUATION OF PERSONS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA
14	PROVIDED IN SECTION 27-65-105.
15	(5.7) "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY" MEANS A
16	FACILITY LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 25.
17	C.R.S., OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103, C.R.S., THAT
18	PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
19	SERVICES FACILITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE, BUT MAY ELECT TO BECOME
20	A DESIGNATED FACILITY AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (5.3) OF THIS SECTION
21	(11.5) "LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY" MEANS A SECURE JAIL
22	LOCKUP, OR OTHER PLACE USED FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF PERSONS
23	CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF CRIMES.
24	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-105, amend
25	(1) (a) (I), (1) (a) (II) introductory portion, (1) (b), (2), (3), (4), and (5)
26	and add (4.5) and (6) as follows:
27	27-65-105. Emergency procedure. (1) Emergency procedure

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may be invoked under either one of the following two conditions:

- (a) (I) When any A person appears to have a mental illness and, as a result of such mental illness, appears to be an imminent danger to others or to himself or herself or appears to be gravely disabled, then a person specified in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a), each of whom is referred to in this section as the "intervening professional", upon probable cause and with such assistance as may be required, may take the person into custody, or cause the person to be taken into custody, and placed in a facility designated or approved by the executive director for a seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation TAKE THE PERSON TO ____ A DESIGNATED FACILITY. IF SUCH A FACILITY IS UNAVAILABLE, THE PERSON MAY BE TAKEN TO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
- (II) The following persons may effect a seventy-two-hour hold as

 ARE INTERVENING PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY INVOKE THE EMERGENCY

 PROCEDURE provided FOR in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a):
- (b) Upon an affidavit sworn to or affirmed before a judge that relates sufficient facts to establish that a person appears to have a mental illness and, as a result of the mental illness, appears to be an imminent danger to others or to himself or herself or appears to be gravely disabled, the court may order the person described in the affidavit to be taken into custody and placed in a facility designated or approved by the executive director for a TAKEN TO A DESIGNATED FACILITY FOR seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation. Whenever in this article a facility is to be designated or approved by IF SUCH A FACILITY IS UNAVAILABLE, THE PERSON MAY BE TAKEN TO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY

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1	$\underline{\mathtt{OR}}$ A LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
2	SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. IF the executive director hospitals, if
3	available, shall be approved or designated IS TO DESIGNATE OR APPROVE
4	A FACILITY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, HE OR SHE SHALL APPROVE A
5	HOSPITAL OR HOSPITALS, IF AVAILABLE, in each county before other
6	facilities are approved or designated. Whenever in this article a facility is
7	to be designated or approved by IF the executive director as IS TO
8	DESIGNATE OR APPROVE a facility for a stated purpose and the facility to
9	be designated or approved is a private facility, the consent of the private
10	facility to the enforcement of standards set by the executive director shall
11	be IS a prerequisite to the designation or approval.
12	(2) (a) (I) When a person is taken into custody pursuant to
13	subsection (1) of this section, such person shall not be detained in a jail,
14	lockup, or other place used for the confinement of persons charged with
15	or convicted of penal offenses; except that such place may be used if no
16	other suitable place of confinement for treatment and evaluation is readily
17	available. In such situation the person shall be detained separately from
18	those persons charged with or convicted of penal offenses and shall be
19	held for a period not to exceed HE OR SHE MAY BE DETAINED IN A LAW
20	ENFORCEMENT FACILITY ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES,
21	AND ONLY IF THE PERSON IS DETAINED SEPARATELY FROM ANY PERSONS
22	CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF PENAL OFFENSES:
23	(A) IF A DESIGNATED FACILITY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR TREATMENT
24	AND EVALUATION;
25	(B) IF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY IS NOT
26	READILY AVAILABLE; AND
27	(C) If the person has demonstrated recent behavioral

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1	AGGRESSION OR VIOLENCE THAT CANNOT BE DE-ESCALATED WITHIN THE
2	CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY OF AN AVAILABLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
3	SERVICES FACILITY WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.
4	(II) THE PERSON TAKEN INTO CUSTODY MUST NOT BE HELD IN A
5	LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY FOR A PERIOD THAT EXCEEDS twenty-four
6	hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after which time he
7	or she shall be transferred to a facility designated or approved by the
8	executive director for a seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation A
9	DESIGNATED FACILITY FOR TREATMENT AND EVALUATION. IN THE EVENT
10	THAT A DESIGNATED FACILITY SUITABLE FOR TREATMENT AND
11	EVALUATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR
12	PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), A SHERIFF OR HIS OR
13	HER DESIGNEE MAY PETITION THE COURT, THROUGH AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN
14	TO OR AFFIRMED BEFORE A JUDGE, FOR A ONE-TIME ORDER GRANTING AN
15	EXTENSION, NOT TO EXCEED $\underline{\text{TWENTY-FOUR}}$ HOURS, OF THE HOLDING
16	PERIOD IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY. ALL PROVISIONS OF
17	${\tt SUBPARAGRAPH(I)OFPARAGRAPH(a)OFTHISSUBSECTION(2)RELATING}$
18	TO CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT CONTINUE TO APPLY DURING ANY
19	COURT-ORDERED EXTENSION GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH
20	(II).
21	(III) If the person being detained is a juvenile, as defined in
22	section 19-1-103 (68), C.R.S., the juvenile shall HE OR SHE MUST be
23	placed in a setting that is nonsecure and physically segregated by sight
24	and sound from the ANY adult offenders.
25	(IV) When a person is taken into custody and confined IN A LAW
26	ENFORCEMENT FACILITY pursuant to this subsection (2), such person shall
27	be examined at least every twelve hours by a <u>certified SWORN</u> peace

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officer, nurse, or physician, or by an appropriate staff professional of the nearest designated or approved mental health treatment facility SHALL EXAMINE THE PERSON AT LEAST EVERY TWELVE HOURS to determine if the person HE OR SHE is receiving appropriate care consistent with his or her mental condition.

- (b) A sheriff or police chief who violates the provisions of SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), related to detaining juveniles, may be subject to a civil fine of no more than one thousand dollars. The decision to fine shall be based on prior violations of the provisions of SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) by the sheriff or police chief and the willingness of the sheriff or police chief to address the violations in order to comply with SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF paragraph (a) of this subsection (2).
- (3) Such When a Person is taken into emergency custody by an intervening professional pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and _____ presents to an emergency medical services facility or <u>is admitted to a</u> designated facility, the facility shall require an application in writing, stating the circumstances under which the person's condition was called to the attention of the intervening professional and further stating sufficient facts, obtained from the personal observations of the intervening professional or obtained from others whom he or she reasonably believes to be reliable, to establish that the person has a mental illness and, as a result of the mental illness, is an imminent danger to others or to himself or herself or is gravely disabled. The application shall must indicate when the person was taken into emergency custody and who brought the person's condition to the attention of the intervening professional. A copy of the application shall

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be furnished to the person being evaluated, and the application shall be retained in accordance with the provisions of section 27-65-121 (4).

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(4) If the seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation facility admits the person, it may detain him or her for evaluation and treatment for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours, excluding _ A DESIGNATED FACILITY THAT ADMITS A PERSON PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY RETAIN SUCH PERSON FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-TWO HOURS FROM THE TIME THE PERSON IS ADMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED FACILITY. THE SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR PERIOD EXCLUDES Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays if evaluation and treatment services are not available on those days, AND ANY TIME REQUIRED FOR NON-PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL STABILIZATION. A PERSON WHO IS PROVIDED SERVICES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE MUST RECEIVE AN EVALUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SUCH TREATMENT AS HIS OR HER CONDITION REQUIRES, AND IS WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF THE FACILITY, FOR THE FULL PERIOD OF TIME THAT HE OR SHE IS <u>ADMITTED</u>. For the purposes of this subsection (4), EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND evaluation and treatment services are not deemed to be available merely because a professional person is on call during weekends or holidays. If, in the opinion of the professional person in charge of the evaluation, the person can be properly cared for without being detained, he or she shall be provided services on a voluntary basis. (4.5) On or before December 31, 2016, and each July 1

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THEREAFTER, EACH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY OR LAW

ENFORCEMENT FACILITY WHICH HAS TAKEN CUSTODY OF A PERSON OR

TREATED A PERSON PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE AN

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES ONLY AGGREGATE

AND NONIDENTIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSONS WHO WERE

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1	TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OR TREATED AT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
2	FACILITY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
3	LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES MAY CONTACT CRISIS CENTERS FOR
4	ASSISTANCE IN FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (4.5).
5	THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:
6	(a) THE NAMES AND COUNTIES OF THE FACILITIES;
7	(b) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OR
8	TREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A SUMMARY OF
9	DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION;
10	(c) A SUMMARY REGARDING THE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR WHICH
11	PERSONS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OR TREATED PURSUANT TO THIS
12	SECTION; AND
13	(d) A SUMMARY OF THE DISPOSITION OF PERSONS WHETHER
14	RELEASED FROM CUSTODY OR TRANSFERRED TO A DESIGNATED FACILITY.
15	(5) Each person admitted to a seventy-two-hour treatment and
16	evaluation facility under the provisions of this article shall receive an
17	evaluation as soon as possible after he or she is admitted and shall receive
18	such treatment and care as his or her condition requires for the full period
19	that he or she is held. The person shall be released before seventy-two
20	hours have elapsed if, in the opinion of the professional person in charge
21	of the evaluation, the person no longer requires evaluation or treatment
22	AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY THAT ASSUMES EMERGENCY
23	CUSTODY OF AN INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE
24	AN ASSESSMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ANY TREATMENT THAT THE
25	INDIVIDUAL'S CONDITION REQUIRES THAT IS WITHIN THE FACILITY'S
26	CAPABILITIES FOR THE FULL PERIOD OF THE TIME THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS
27	IN CUSTODY AT THE FACILITY, CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE

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1	LAWS. THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY MAY RETAIN THE
2	INDIVIDUAL IN EMERGENCY CUSTODY FOR UP TO THIRTY-SIX HOURS TO
3	DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES TRANSFER TO A
4	DESIGNATED FACILITY FOR SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR TREATMENT AND
5	EVALUATION. SUCH THIRTY-SIX-HOUR PERIOD EXCLUDES ANY TIME
6	REQUIRED FOR NON-PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL STABILIZATION AND
7	COMPLETING THE TRANSFER TO THE ACCEPTING DESIGNATED FACILITY.
8	(6) If, at any time during emergency custody of an
9	INDIVIDUAL IN EITHER AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY,
10	DESIGNATED FACILITY, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY, INCLUDING ANY
11	EXTENSION PROVIDED FOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION,
12	IN THE OPINION OF A PROFESSIONAL PERSON, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN
13	SECTION 27-65-102 (17), OR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE LICENSED
14	PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 38 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., AND INCLUDED IN THE
15	ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-38-111.5,
16	C.R.S., WITH A POPULATION FOCUS IN PSYCHIATRY OR MENTAL HEALTH,
17	ACTING WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE, THE PERSON NO
18	LONGER MEETS THE STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY CUSTODY OR DETENTION
19	AND HIS OR HER CARE CAN BE PROVIDED IN ANOTHER SETTING, THE
20	PERSON MUST BE APPROPRIATELY DISCHARGED OR REFERRED FOR
21	FURTHER CARE AND TREATMENT ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. Persons who
22	have been detained for RECEIVED seventy-two-hour evaluation and
23	treatment AT A DESIGNATED FACILITY shall be released, referred for
24	further care and treatment on a voluntary basis, or certified for treatment
25	pursuant to section 27-65-107.
26	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-103, add (6.5)
27	as follows:

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1	27-60-103. Behavioral health crisis response system - services
2	- request for proposals - criteria - reporting - rules - definitions.
3	(6.5) On or before September 1, 2016, the unit in the state
4	DEPARTMENT THAT ADMINISTERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND
5	SERVICES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND
6	SUBSTANCE ABUSE, SHALL CONVENE A SERIES OF STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS
7	TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT NEEDS
8	THROUGHOUT COLORADO. THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP SHALL ASSIST THE
9	STATE DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ANALYSIS,
10	RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A BUDGET REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY MENTAL
11	HEALTH SERVICES IN COLORADO. THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MUST
12	INCLUDE APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUPS, NONPROFIT
13	ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDERS, AND ANY INTERESTED AND RELATED
14	PARTIES. THE STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS MUST BE CONDUCTED WITHIN
15	EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2017,
16	THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT TO THE JOINT JUDICIARY
17	COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE A
18	NEEDS ANALYSIS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A BUDGET REQUEST FOR
19	EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT NEEDS THROUGHOUT
20	COLORADO AS PART OF ITS "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE,
21	RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" HEARING
22	REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203, C.R.S.
23	SECTION 6. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
24	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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