



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5542**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF INMATES WITH  
PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.**

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

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Correction, in  
2       consultation with the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
3       Services, shall review whether, and the extent to which, patients' rights  
4       as provided in sections 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, of the general  
5       statutes are afforded to inmates with psychiatric disabilities who are  
6       being treated for such disabilities in correctional facilities or in  
7       hospitals to which such inmates have been transferred by the  
8       Department of Correction. Such review shall include an assessment of  
9       specific patients' rights, including, but not limited to, humane and  
10      dignified treatment, appropriate procedures governing medication,  
11      treatment, psychosurgery and shock therapy, restrictions on placement  
12      in seclusion or mechanical restraint and appropriate civil remedies,  
13      that can and cannot feasibly be afforded to such inmates, and the  
14      reasons therefor. Not later than July 1, 2007, the commissioners shall  
15      jointly report their findings and recommendations, including  
16      recommendations for legislation, to the joint standing committee of the  
17      General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
18      judiciary, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*