



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5508**

LCO No. 1438

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
REP. SAYERS, 60th Dist.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING COMMITMENT TO A CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITAL UNDER A PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE.**

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

- 1 That title 17a of the general statutes be amended to allow a chronic
- 2 disease hospital with a defined psychiatric unit to admit any person
- 3 who a physician concludes has psychiatric disabilities and is
- 4 dangerous to himself or others or gravely disabled, provided such
- 5 person is assessed by a psychiatrist not later than twenty-four hours
- 6 after being admitted to the chronic disease hospital.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow certain chronic disease hospitals to admit patients with pending psychiatric emergency certificates.