



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5449 File No. 141 Cal. No. 88

**"AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY
CERTIFICATES BY LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17a-503 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (d) Any clinical social worker licensed under chapter 383b or
7 advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 378 who (1)
8 has received a minimum of eight hours of specialized training in the
9 conduct of direct evaluations [under this subsection] as a member of
10 any mobile crisis team, jail diversion program, crisis intervention team,
11 advanced supervision and intervention support team, or assertive case
12 management program operated by or under contract with the
13 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and (2) based
14 upon the direct evaluation of a person, has reasonable cause to believe

15 that such person has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to
16 himself or herself or others or gravely disabled, and in need of
17 immediate care and treatment, may issue an emergency certificate in
18 writing that authorizes and directs that such person be taken to a
19 general hospital for purposes of a medical examination. The person
20 shall be examined within twenty-four hours and shall not be held for
21 more than seventy-two hours unless committed under section 17a-502
22 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. The Commissioner of
23 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall collect and maintain
24 statistical and demographic information pertaining to emergency
25 certificates issued under this subsection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-503(d)