



**House Bill No. 6343**

**Public Act No. 09-162**

**AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY LEAVE ORDERS ISSUED BY  
THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD.**

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

Section 1. Section 17a-587 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) If at any time after the confinement of an acquittee in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities or the placement of an acquittee with the Commissioner of Developmental Services pursuant to order of the board, the superintendent of such hospital or said commissioner is of the opinion that the acquittee's psychiatric supervision and treatment would be advanced by permitting the acquittee to leave such hospital or the custody of said commissioner temporarily, the superintendent or said commissioner shall apply to the board for an order authorizing temporary leaves. The application shall include a statement of reasons in support thereof. The board shall send a copy of the application to the state's attorney. The board may order a hearing on the application and shall order such a hearing if the state's attorney files with the board a request therefor within ten days of his receipt of the application. The board shall grant the application, subject to such conditions and supervision as the board may set in the order for temporary leave, if it concludes that the acquittee's temporary leave,

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under the conditions specified, would not constitute a danger to himself or others. If such application is granted, the acquittee may be permitted to leave such hospital or the custody of said commissioner temporarily, under the charge of his guardian, relatives or friends, or by himself, at such times and under such conditions as the superintendent or said commissioner deems appropriate, unless the order of the board provides otherwise. The provisions of section 17a-521 not inconsistent with this section shall be applicable to temporary leaves authorized by this section.

(b) The board may designate any capable person or appropriate public or private agency to supervise the acquittee on temporary leave pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Prior to any designation, the board shall notify the person or agency that the board contemplates designating to supervise the acquittee's temporary leave and provide the person or agency with an opportunity to be heard before the board. Any person or agency designated by the board to supervise the acquittee's temporary leave shall comply with such conditions as the board sets in the order for temporary leave.

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