



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6437

LCO No. 3751

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFORM
TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2012, the
2 Attorney General shall develop a "Uniform Treatment Authorization
3 Form for Mental Health Services". The Attorney General shall develop
4 such form for use by hospitals and medical professionals in this state
5 when obtaining patient authorization and information with respect to
6 mental health services. The Attorney General shall develop such form
7 after consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, the
8 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the
9 Insurance Commissioner. At a minimum, such form shall meet the
10 standards set forth in state and federal privacy laws, including, but not
11 limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
12 1996, P.L. 104-191 (HIPAA), as from time to time amended, and
13 regulations adopted thereunder. Not later than January 15, 2012, the
14 Attorney General shall submit any proposed legislation that the
15 Attorney General deems necessary to implement the use of such form
16 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

17 cognizance of matters relating to public health.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Attorney General to establish a Uniform Treatment Authorization Form for Mental Health Services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]