



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5057

LCO No. 277



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROBATE COURT TO ORDER THAT A PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OR PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL EVALUATION AND ASSISTED OUTPATIENT MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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

1 That chapter 801a of the general statutes be amended to provide that
2 a Probate Court may order a person with a substance use disorder or
3 psychiatric disability to submit to a medical evaluation, not to exceed a
4 period of seventy-two hours, when (1) such person refuses to consent
5 to, or is incapable of consenting to, voluntary treatment, (2) such person
6 is incapable of residing on his or her own and presents a danger to self
7 or others, and (3) less restrictive treatment alternatives are not
8 appropriate. The Probate Court, based on the results of such medical
9 evaluation, may then order such person to submit to assisted outpatient
10 medical treatment.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a Probate Court with the authority to order a person with a substance use disorder or psychiatric disability to submit to an

involuntary medical evaluation and assisted outpatient medical treatment.