

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1829
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1829 seeks to provide police with the legal authority to transfer mental health patients admitted to a hospital for emergency detention to appropriate facilities. A key provision of the bill is that it allows a person held in a medical hospital under an emergency detention to be transferred to a psychiatric hospital, with the psychiatric hospital's written permission.

H.B. 1829 amends current law relating to the transfer to a mental hospital of a person admitted to a facility for emergency detention.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 573.022, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (c) to authorize a facility that has admitted a person for emergency detention under Subsection (a) (relating to authorizing a person to be admitted to a facility for emergency detention only if the physician who conducted the preliminary examination makes a written statement the meets certain requirements) or to which a person has been transported under Subsection (b) (relating to authorizing a mental health facility to transport the person to a facility deemed suitable by the local mental health authority) to transfer the person to an appropriate mental hospital with the written consent of the hospital administrator.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2011.