

Amend SB 1182 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 574, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I. TESTIMONY BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT VIDEO TELECONFERENCING  
AT PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 574.201. APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a hearing or proceeding related to court-ordered mental health services under this chapter.

Sec. 574.202. CERTAIN TESTIMONY BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT VIDEO TELECONFERENCING PERMITTED. (a) A judge or magistrate may permit a physician or a nonphysician mental health professional to testify at a hearing or proceeding by closed-circuit video teleconferencing if:

(1) closed-circuit video teleconferencing is available to the judge or magistrate for that purpose;

(2) the proposed patient and the attorney representing the proposed patient do not file with the court a written objection to the use of closed-circuit video teleconferencing;

(3) the closed-circuit video teleconferencing system provides for a simultaneous, compressed full-motion video and interactive communication of image and sound between all persons involved in the hearing; and

(4) on request of the proposed patient, the proposed patient and the proposed patient's attorney can communicate privately without being recorded or heard by the judge or magistrate or by the attorney representing the state.

(b) The judge or magistrate must provide written notice of the use of closed-circuit video teleconferencing to the proposed patient, the proposed patient's attorney, and the attorney representing the state not later than the third day before the date of the hearing.

(c) On motion of the proposed patient or the attorney representing the state or at the court's discretion, the court may terminate testimony by closed-circuit video teleconferencing under this section at any time during the testimony and require the

physician or nonphysician mental health professional to testify in person.

(d) A recording of the testimony under Subsection (a) shall be made and preserved with the court's record of the hearing.