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H.B. No. 3240

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain requirements for filing an application for
3 court-ordered chemical dependency treatment services for an adult.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 462.062, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding a new Subsection (a) and amending and relettering
7 existing Subsection (a) as Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a) In this section, "member of the person's family" means a
9 family member who is related to the person within the second degree
10 by affinity or consanguinity.

11 (a-1) [~~(a)~~] A county or district attorney or other adult may
12 file a sworn written application for court-ordered treatment of
13 another person. The [~~Only the~~] district or county attorney or a
14 member of the person's family may file an application that is not
15 accompanied by a certificate of medical examination for chemical
16 dependency.

17 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

18 (b) Section 462.062, Health and Safety Code, as amended by
19 this Act, applies only to an application for court-ordered
20 treatment for chemical dependency that is filed on or after the
21 effective date of this Act. An application for court-ordered
22 treatment for chemical dependency that is filed before the
23 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
24 application was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.