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S.B. No. 552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the period for which a court may order temporary
3 inpatient mental health services for certain persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 574.034(g), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (g) An order for temporary inpatient or outpatient mental
8 health services shall state that treatment is authorized for not
9 longer than 90 days. The order may not specify a shorter period for
10 a proposed patient whom the trier of fact finds is likely to cause
11 serious harm to himself or others. As an alternative to an order
12 authorizing treatment for 90 days, for a proposed patient whom the
13 trier of fact finds to be mentally ill and to meet the criteria
14 provided by Subsection (a)(2)(C), the judge may issue an order for
15 inpatient temporary mental health services for stabilization
16 purposes for a period not to exceed 30 days.

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

18 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies to a
19 proceeding regarding an application for court-ordered temporary
20 mental health services under Section 574.034, Health and Safety
21 Code, as amended by this Act, regardless of the time the application
22 was made.