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S.B. No. 2079

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the continuing care plan for persons being discharged  
3 from state hospitals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 574.081, Health and  
6 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The physician shall prepare the plan as prescribed by  
8 department rules and shall consult the patient and the local mental  
9 health authority in the area in which the patient will reside before  
10 preparing the plan. The plan shall specifically address  
11 transportation of the patient after discharge and coordination of  
12 that issue with the local mental health authority and other  
13 appropriate persons with whom the patient has authorized  
14 communication. The local mental health authority is not required  
15 to participate in preparing a plan for a patient furloughed or  
16 discharged from a private mental health facility.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.