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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.