

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 2079
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 May 1, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; May 1, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the continuing care plan for persons being discharged
1-9 from state hospitals.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 574.081, Health and
1-12 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) The physician shall prepare the plan as prescribed by
1-14 department rules and shall consult the patient and the local mental
1-15 health authority in the area in which the patient will reside before
1-16 preparing the plan. The plan shall specifically address
1-17 transportation of the patient after discharge and coordination of
1-18 that issue with the local mental health authority and other
1-19 appropriate persons with whom the patient has authorized
1-20 communication. The local mental health authority is not required
1-21 to participate in preparing a plan for a patient furloughed or
1-22 discharged from a private mental health facility.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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