

1-1 By: Naishtat (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 1908
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
 1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the continuity of care for offenders with mental
 1-18 impairments.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 614.013, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-22 (b-1) Subject to available resources, and to the extent
 1-23 feasible, the methods established under Subsection (b) must ensure
 1-24 that each offender with a mental impairment is identified and
 1-25 qualified for the continuity of care system and serve adults with
 1-26 severe and persistent mental illness who are experiencing
 1-27 significant functional impairment due to a mental health disorder
 1-28 that is defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
 1-29 Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), including:

1-30 (1) major depressive disorder, including single
 1-31 episode or recurrent major depressive disorder;

1-32 (2) post-traumatic stress disorder;

1-33 (3) schizoaffective disorder, including bipolar and
 1-34 depressive types;

1-35 (4) psychotic disorder;

1-36 (5) anxiety disorder;

1-37 (6) delusional disorder; or

1-38 (7) any other diagnosed mental health disorder that is
 1-39 severe or persistent in nature.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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