

By: Thierry

H.B. No. 2402

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an acute psychiatric bed registry to list available beds for emergency detention and treatment of certain individuals.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 533, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 533.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 533.054. ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY. (a) In this section, "inpatient mental health facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 571.003.

(b) The department shall develop and administer a web-based and searchable acute psychiatric bed registry to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds at inpatient mental health facilities that are available for the temporary detention and treatment of individuals under Chapter 573.

(c) For each inpatient mental health facility, the acute psychiatric bed registry must list:

(1) the name and contact information of the facility;

(2) the number of available beds;

(3) the type of individual that may be admitted;

(4) the level of security provided; and

(5) any other information that may be necessary to identify appropriate beds for the temporary detention and treatment of individuals under Chapter 573.

(d) The department shall make the acute psychiatric bed

1 registry available to community service boards, mental health
2 facilities, public and private residential crisis stabilization
3 units, emergency care facilities, and emergency care providers.
4 The department may make the registry available to any other person
5 the department considers appropriate.

6 (e) An inpatient mental health facility shall submit to the
7 department information for the acute psychiatric bed registry as
8 required by the department and review the information and confirm
9 its accuracy to the department at least once daily and whenever
10 there is a change in bed availability at the facility.

11 (f) An inpatient mental health facility shall designate an
12 employee or employees as necessary to:

13 (1) submit to the department the information required
14 under Subsection (e) and review the information as required by that
15 subsection; and

16 (2) serve as a contact for questions about the
17 information submitted.

18 (g) The department may contract with any person the
19 department considers appropriate to develop and administer the
20 acute psychiatric bed registry.

21 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of
22 State Health Services shall establish the acute psychiatric bed
23 registry required by Section 533.054, Health and Safety Code, as
24 added by this Act.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.