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H.B. No. 171

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the certificate of medical examination for chemical  
3 dependency and the duration of court-ordered treatment for a person  
4 with a chemical dependency.

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

6 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Anell Borrego Act.

7 SECTION 2. Section 462.001, Health and Safety Code, is  
8 amended by adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

9 (4) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services  
10 Commission.

11 SECTION 3. Section 462.064(c), Health and Safety Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (c) A certificate must be dated and signed by the examining  
14 physician. The certificate must include:

15 (1) the name and address of the examining physician;

16 (2) the name and address of the proposed patient;

17 (3) the date and place of the examination;

18 (4) the period, if any, during which the proposed  
19 patient has been under the care of the examining physician;

20 (5) an accurate description of the treatment, if any,  
21 given by or administered under the direction of the examining  
22 physician; and

23 (6) the examining physician's opinion stating  
24 [~~opinions whether~~] the proposed patient is a person with a chemical

1 dependency and, as a result of that chemical dependency:

2 (A) is likely to cause serious harm to the  
3 person;

4 (B) is likely to cause serious harm to others; or

5 (C) will continue to suffer abnormal mental,  
6 emotional, or physical distress and to deteriorate in ability to  
7 function independently if not treated and is unable to make a  
8 rational and informed choice as to whether or not to submit to  
9 treatment.

10 SECTION 4. Section 462.069(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Except as provided by Section 462.080(b), the [The]  
13 court shall commit the proposed patient to a treatment facility  
14 approved by the commission [~~department~~] to accept court commitments  
15 for at least 60 days but not more than 90 days if:

16 (1) the proposed patient admits the allegations of the  
17 application; or

18 (2) at the hearing on the merits, the court or jury  
19 finds that the material allegations in the application have been  
20 proved by clear and convincing evidence.

21 SECTION 5. Section 462.075(f), Health and Safety Code, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (f) Except as provided by Section 462.080(b), the [The]  
24 court shall commit the proposed patient to a treatment facility  
25 approved by the commission [~~department~~] to accept commitments for  
26 at least 60 days but not more than 90 days if:

27 (1) the proposed patient admits the allegations of the

1 application; or

2 (2) at the hearing on the merits, the court or jury  
3 finds that the material allegations in the application have been  
4 proved by clear and convincing evidence.

5 SECTION 6. Section 462.080(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The administrator may discharge a patient before the  
8 court order expires if the administrator or physician treating the  
9 patient determines that the patient no longer meets the criteria  
10 for court-ordered treatment.

11 SECTION 7. Sections 462.081(a) and (d), Health and Safety  
12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Except as provided by Section 462.080(b), the [The]  
14 judge of a court with jurisdiction of misdemeanor cases may remand  
15 the defendant to a treatment facility approved by the commission  
16 [department] to accept court commitments for care and treatment for  
17 at least 60 days but not more than 90 days, instead of incarceration  
18 or fine, if:

19 (1) the court or a jury has found the defendant guilty  
20 of an offense classified as a Class A or B misdemeanor;

21 (2) the court finds that the offense resulted from or  
22 was related to the defendant's chemical dependency;

23 (3) a treatment facility approved by the commission  
24 [department] is available to treat the defendant; and

25 (4) the treatment facility agrees in writing to admit  
26 the defendant under this section.

27 (d) Except as provided by Section 462.080(b), a [A] juvenile

1 court may remand a child to a treatment facility for care and  
2 treatment for at least 60 days but not more than 90 days after the  
3 date on which the child is remanded if:

4 (1) the court finds that the child has engaged in  
5 delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and  
6 that the conduct resulted from or was related to the child's  
7 chemical dependency;

8 (2) a treatment facility approved by the commission  
9 [~~department~~] to accept court commitments is available to treat the  
10 child; and

11 (3) the facility agrees in writing to receive the  
12 child under this section.

13 SECTION 8. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
14 an application for court-ordered treatment for chemical dependency  
15 that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
16 application that is filed before the effective date of this Act is  
17 governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and  
18 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.