

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, an order of protective custody is necessary to transfer a person from an emergency facility to an appropriate hospital, if the person has been admitted for emergency detention in order to have a mental health evaluation. Obtaining an order of protective custody during nonbusiness hours can take time, and there may not always be a safe place for the patients to remain temporarily while awaiting transfer to an appropriate hospital. H.B. 1797 would set forth provisions regarding the transportation of certain individuals who may have a mental illness and are admitted to a county mental health facility for emergency detention.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1797 sets forth provisions regarding the transportation of certain individuals who may have a mental illness and are admitted to a county mental health facility for emergency detention.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 573.022, Health and Safety Code, to authorize a county mental health facility that has admitted a person for emergency detention under this section to transport the person to certain appropriate facilities.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.