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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1169

TO CLARIFY THE ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR AN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT TO
INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS IN A MENTAL CONDITION AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL
CONDITION.

Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 1169

Amend House Bill 1169 as engrossed H2/6/25 (version: 2/6/25 09:02:40 AM):

Page 2, delete line 17, and substitute the following:

"of this section; and

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-47-210(c), concerning immediate confinement by a healthcare facility for seventy-two (72) hours, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the person is transported to a hospital or to a receiving facility or program or to the office of a licensed physician of the State of Arkansas or of the United States Government, either salaried or self-employed, for purposes of initial evaluation and treatment, then the hospital or receiving facility or program or physician may detain the person for initial evaluation and treatment provided:

(1) The person is immediately advised of his or her rights as provided in § 20-47-211 and informed that he or she maintains all fundamental rights under § 20-47-220;

(2) The person is determined by the treatment staff of the hospital or receiving facility or program or by the physician to be of danger to himself or herself or others as defined in § 20-47-207 or has a medical condition that causes a behavioral health impairment, including without limitation mental disability, dementia, or other permanent or temporary behavioral health impairment, that he or she poses a clear and present danger



under to himself or herself or others as defined under § 20-47-207(c)(2);

(3) The person is provided a telephone number for the hospital or receiving facility or program's department of patient relations, risk management, or other similar department;

(4) The person is seen and evaluated by a physician or advanced practice registered nurse every twenty-four (24) hours to confirm whether the immediate confinement remains warranted;

(5) The limitations on treatment for a person under this section shall be same as the limitations on treatment under § 20-47-218;

(6) The authority of the sheriff of the county or law enforcement of the city of the first class where the hospital or receiving facility or program is located or the security officer of the hospital or receiving facility or program shall be the same as the authority under § 20-47-219(a); and

~~(3)~~(7) A hearing pursuant to § 20-47-209(a)(1) is held within the specified time period."

The Amendment was read _____
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