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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1169

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR AN  
10 INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT TO INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS IN  
11 A MENTAL CONDITION AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL  
12 CONDITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT TO INCLUDE A  
17 PERSON WHO IS IN A MENTAL CONDITION AS A  
18 RESULT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-47-207(c)(1), concerning the admission  
24 criteria into a healthcare facility for an involuntary commitment, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 (c) Involuntary Admission Criteria.

27 (1) A person shall be eligible for involuntary admission if he  
28 or she is in ~~such~~ a mental condition as a result of ~~mental~~:

29 (A) A mental illness, disease, or disorder that he or she  
30 poses a clear and present danger to himself or herself or others; or

31 (B) A medical condition, including without limitation  
32 behavioral health impairment, mental disability, dementia, or other permanent  
33 or temporary behavioral health or mental health impairment, that he or she  
34 poses a clear and present danger to himself or herself or others.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-47-207(c)(2)(D)(ii), concerning the



1 definition of "a clear and present danger to himself or herself" relating to  
2 the admission criteria into a healthcare facility for an involuntary  
3 commitment, is amended to read as follows:

4 (ii) The person needs ~~mental~~ health treatment on a  
5 continuing basis to prevent a relapse or harmful deterioration of his or her  
6 ~~condition~~ mental condition as a result of subdivision (c)(1)(A) or (c)(1)(B)  
7 of this section; and

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