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7 * **Section 1.** AS 12.25.031(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) As an alternative to arrest, a peace officer may, at the officer's discretion,
9 deliver a person to a crisis stabilization center, **a crisis residential center**, or an
10 evaluation facility or decline to arrest the person if

11 (1) the arresting officer believes in good faith that the person is
12 suffering from an acute behavioral health crisis; and

1 (2) the person voluntarily agrees to be taken to a crisis stabilization
2 center, a crisis residential center, or an evaluation facility or to promptly seek
3 outpatient mental health treatment.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 12.25.031(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a peace officer may, as an alternative
6 to arrest, take a person into emergency custody under AS 47.30.705 and deliver the
7 person to a crisis stabilization center, a crisis residential center, or an evaluation
8 facility.

9 * **Sec. 3.** AS 12.25.031(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Delivery of a person to a crisis stabilization center, a crisis residential
11 center, or an evaluation facility for examination under (a) of this section does not
12 constitute an involuntary commitment under AS 47.30 or an arrest.

13 * **Sec. 4.** AS 12.25.031(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) Before a person delivered to a crisis stabilization center, a crisis
15 residential center, or an evaluation facility under (a) or (b) of this section is released
16 to the community, a mental health professional shall make reasonable efforts to inform
17 the arresting officer and the arresting officer's employing agency of the planned
18 release if the officer has specifically requested notification and provided the officer's
19 contact information to the crisis stabilization center, crisis residential center, or
20 evaluation facility.

21 * **Sec. 5.** AS 12.25.031(f) is amended to read:

22 (f) An agreement to participate in outpatient treatment or to be delivered to a
23 crisis stabilization center, a crisis residential center, or an evaluation facility under
24 (a) of this section

25 (1) may not require a person to stipulate to any facts regarding the
26 alleged criminal activity as a prerequisite to participation in a mental health treatment
27 alternative;

28 (2) is inadmissible in any criminal or civil proceeding; and

29 (3) does not create immunity from prosecution for the alleged criminal
30 activity.

31 * **Sec. 6.** AS 12.25.031(g) is amended to read:

1 (g) If a person violates an agreement to be delivered to a crisis stabilization
2 center, **a crisis residential center**, or an evaluation facility or to seek outpatient
3 treatment under (a) of this section,

4 (1) a mental health professional shall make reasonable efforts to
5 inform the arresting officer **and the arresting officer's employing agency** of the
6 person's decision to leave the crisis stabilization center, **crisis residential center**, or
7 evaluation facility; and

8 (2) the original charges may be filed or referred to the prosecutor, as
9 appropriate, and the matter may proceed as provided by law.

10 * **Sec. 7.** AS 12.25.031(i)(1) is amended to read:

11 (1) "crisis stabilization center" **has the meaning given in**
12 **AS 47.32.900** [MEANS A FACILITY LICENSED UNDER AS 47.32 THAT MEETS
13 THE DEFINITION OF "CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTER" IN AS 47.32.900];

14 * **Sec. 8.** AS 12.25.031(i) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

15 (4) "crisis residential center" has the meaning given in AS 47.32.900.

16 * **Sec. 9.** AS 18.65.530(c) is amended to read:

17 (c) A peace officer is not required to make an arrest of a person under (a) of
18 this section if the officer has received authorization from a prosecuting attorney in the
19 jurisdiction in which the offense under investigation arose

20 (1) not to arrest the person; or

21 (2) to deliver the person to a crisis stabilization center, **a crisis**
22 **residential center**, or an evaluation facility as provided in AS 12.25.031(b).

23 * **Sec. 10.** AS 18.65.530(g) is amended to read:

24 (g) A peace officer who delivers a person to a crisis stabilization center, **a**
25 **crisis residential center**, or evaluation facility under (c) of this section shall provide
26 the peace officer's **and the peace officer's employing agency's** contact information to
27 the crisis stabilization center, **crisis residential center**, or evaluation facility and, if
28 the peace officer **and the peace officer's employing agency are** [IS] notified under
29 AS 12.25.031(d) of a planned release of the person, shall make reasonable efforts to
30 inform the victim of a crime committed under (a)(1) or (2) of this section of the
31 planned release.

1 * **Sec. 11.** AS 18.85.100(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) An indigent person who is under formal charge of having committed a
3 serious crime and the crime has been the subject of an initial appearance or subsequent
4 proceeding, or is being detained under a conviction of a serious crime, or is on
5 probation or parole, or is entitled to representation under the Supreme Court
6 Delinquency or Child in Need of Aid Rules or at a review hearing under
7 AS 47.12.105(d), or is isolated, quarantined, or required to be tested under an order
8 issued under AS 18.15.355 - 18.15.395, or **is a respondent in a proceeding under**
9 **AS 47.30** [AGAINST WHOM COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR MENTAL
10 ILLNESS HAVE BEEN INITIATED], is entitled

11 (1) to be represented, in connection with the crime or proceeding, by
12 an attorney to the same extent as a person retaining an attorney is entitled; and

13 (2) to be provided with the necessary services and facilities of this
14 representation, including investigation and other preparation.

15 * **Sec. 12.** AS 47.30.693 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 47.30.693. Notice to parent or guardian [OF MINOR].** When a minor
17 under 18 years of age is detained at or admitted or committed to a treatment facility,
18 the facility shall inform the parent or guardian of the location of the minor as soon as
19 possible after the arrival of the minor at the facility. **When an adult for whom a**
20 **guardian has been appointed is detained at or admitted or committed to a**
21 **treatment facility and the facility is aware of the appointment, the facility shall**
22 **inform the guardian of the location of the adult as soon as possible after the**
23 **arrival of the adult at the facility.**

24 * **Sec. 13.** AS 47.30.700 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (c) When a crisis stabilization center, crisis residential center, evaluation
26 facility, or treatment facility admits a minor respondent under this section, the center
27 or facility shall inform the parent or guardian of the location of the minor as soon as
28 possible after the arrival of the minor at the center or facility. When a crisis
29 stabilization center, crisis residential center, evaluation facility, or treatment facility
30 admits an adult for whom a guardian has been appointed and the center or facility is
31 aware of the appointment, the center or facility shall inform the guardian of the

1 location of the adult as soon as possible after the arrival of the adult at the center or
2 facility.

3 * **Sec. 14.** AS 47.30.705(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A peace officer, **health officer, mental health professional, or physician**
5 **assistant licensed by the State Medical Board to practice in this state** [A
6 PSYCHIATRIST OR PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS
7 STATE OR EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR A CLINICAL
8 PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST
9 AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS] who has probable cause to
10 believe that a person is gravely disabled or is suffering from mental illness and is
11 likely to cause serious harm to self or others of such immediate nature that
12 considerations of safety do not allow initiation of involuntary commitment procedures
13 set out in AS 47.30.700, may cause the person to be taken into custody **by a peace**
14 **officer or health officer** and delivered to the nearest crisis stabilization center, **crisis**
15 **residential center,** [AS DEFINED IN AS 47.32.900 OR THE NEAREST] evaluation
16 facility, **or treatment facility.** A person taken into custody for emergency evaluation
17 may not be placed in a jail or other correctional facility except for protective custody
18 purposes and only while awaiting transportation to a crisis stabilization center, **crisis**
19 **residential center, evaluation facility,** or treatment facility. However,
20 [EMERGENCY] protective custody under this section may not include placement of a
21 minor in a jail or secure facility. The peace officer, **health officer,** [OR] mental health
22 professional, **or physician assistant** shall complete an application for examination of
23 the person in custody and be interviewed by a mental health professional at the crisis
24 stabilization center, **crisis residential center,** evaluation facility, or treatment facility.

25 * **Sec. 15.** AS 47.30.705 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

26 (c) When delivering a person to a crisis stabilization center, crisis residential
27 center, evaluation facility, or treatment facility under (a) of this section, a peace officer
28 or health officer shall give priority to a crisis stabilization center or crisis residential
29 center if one exists in the service area served by the peace officer or health officer.

30 (d) When a crisis stabilization center, crisis residential center, evaluation
31 facility, or treatment facility admits a minor under this section, the center or facility

1 shall inform the parent or guardian that the minor has been admitted as soon as
2 possible after the arrival of the minor at the facility. When a crisis stabilization center,
3 crisis residential center, evaluation facility, or treatment facility admits an adult for
4 whom a guardian has been appointed and the center or facility is aware of the
5 appointment, the center or facility shall inform the guardian that the adult has been
6 admitted as soon as possible.

7 * **Sec. 16.** AS 47.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

8 **Sec. 47.30.707. Admission to and hold at a crisis stabilization center.** (a)

9 Except as provided in (b) of this section, when a crisis stabilization center admits a
10 respondent under AS 47.30.705, the crisis stabilization center may hold the respondent
11 at the center for a period not to exceed 23 hours and 59 minutes. A mental health
12 professional shall examine the respondent within three hours after the respondent
13 arrives at the center.

14 (b) If the professional person in charge at the crisis stabilization center
15 determines that there is probable cause to believe that the respondent has a mental
16 illness and is suffering an acute behavioral health crisis and, as a result, is likely to
17 cause serious harm to self or others or is gravely disabled, the respondent's acute
18 behavioral health crisis will be resolved during admission to a crisis residential center
19 or evaluation facility, and the respondent is not willing to voluntarily go to the crisis
20 residential center or evaluation facility, a mental health professional may submit an ex
21 parte application to the court under this section for detention at the crisis residential
22 center or evaluation facility. Based on the application, if the court finds that probable
23 cause exists to believe that the respondent has a mental illness and is suffering an
24 acute behavioral health crisis and, as a result, is likely to cause serious harm to self or
25 others or is gravely disabled and the respondent's acute behavioral health crisis will be
26 resolved during admission to a crisis residential center or evaluation facility, and the
27 respondent is not willing to voluntarily go to a crisis residential center or evaluation
28 facility, the court shall grant the application and appoint an attorney to represent the
29 respondent, and the respondent may remain at the crisis stabilization center until
30 admission to a crisis residential center or evaluation facility. If the court finds no
31 probable cause, the court shall order the respondent released.

1 **Sec. 47.30.708. Admission to and detention at a crisis residential center.** (a)

2 A respondent who is delivered to a crisis residential center for emergency examination
3 and treatment shall be examined and evaluated as to mental and physical condition by
4 a mental health professional within three hours after arrival at the facility.

5 (b) The mental health professional who performs the emergency examination
6 under (a) of this section may admit the respondent to the crisis residential center if the
7 mental health professional has probable cause to believe that

8 (1) the respondent has a mental illness and is suffering an acute
9 behavioral health crisis and, as a result, is likely to cause serious harm to self or others
10 or is gravely disabled; and

11 (2) the respondent's acute behavioral health crisis will be resolved
12 during admission to the crisis residential center.

13 (c) If a mental health professional admits a respondent to a crisis residential
14 center and a judicial order has not been obtained under AS 47.30.707, the mental
15 health professional may apply for an ex parte order under this section authorizing
16 admission to the crisis residential center. Based on the application, if the court finds
17 that probable cause exists to believe that the respondent has a mental illness and is
18 suffering an acute behavioral health crisis and, as a result, is likely to cause serious
19 harm to self or others or is gravely disabled and the respondent's acute behavioral
20 health crisis will be resolved during admission to a crisis residential center, the court
21 shall grant the application and appoint an attorney to represent the respondent. If the
22 court finds no probable cause, the court shall order the respondent released.

23 (d) When, under (c) of this section, the court grants an ex parte application to
24 admit a respondent to a crisis residential center, the court shall set a time for a hearing,
25 to be held if needed within 72 hours after the respondent's arrival at the crisis
26 stabilization center or the crisis residential center, whichever is earlier, and the court
27 shall notify the respondent, the respondent's attorney, the respondent's guardian, if
28 any, the petitioner's attorney, if any, and the attorney general of the time and place of
29 the hearing. Computation of the 72-hour period at a crisis residential center before a
30 hearing does not include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, except that if the
31 exclusion of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from the computation of the 72-

1 hour period would result in the respondent being held for longer than 72 hours, the 72-
2 hour period ends at 5:00 p.m. on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
3 holiday. The hearing shall be held at the crisis residential center in person, by
4 contemporaneous two-way video conference, or by teleconference, absent
5 extraordinary circumstances. If a hearing is held by contemporaneous two-way video
6 conference, only the court may record the hearing. In this subsection,
7 "contemporaneous two-way video conference" means a conference among people at
8 different places by means of transmitted audio and visual signals, using any
9 communication technology that allows people at two or more places to interact
10 simultaneously by way of two-way video and audio transmission.

11 (e) In the course of the 72-hour period, a petition for 30-day commitment or
12 for seven-day detention at a crisis residential center may be filed in court. A petition
13 for 30-day commitment must conform with AS 47.30.730. A petition for seven-day
14 detention at a crisis residential center must be signed by two mental health
15 professionals, one of whom must be a physician, who have examined the respondent.
16 A copy of the petition shall be served on the respondent, the respondent's attorney, and
17 the respondent's guardian, if any, before the hearing. The petition for detention must

18 (1) allege that the respondent is suffering an acute behavioral health
19 crisis and, as a result, is likely to cause serious harm to self or others or is gravely
20 disabled;

21 (2) allege that resolution of the respondent's acute behavioral health
22 crisis is likely during the admission to the crisis residential center;

23 (3) allege that the respondent has been advised of the need for, but has
24 not accepted, voluntary treatment and request that the court order the respondent to be
25 detained at the crisis residential center for up to seven days following the respondent's
26 arrival at the crisis stabilization center or the crisis residential center, whichever is
27 earlier;

28 (4) list prospective witnesses; and

29 (5) list specific facts and describe behavior of the respondent
30 supporting the allegations in (1) - (3) of this subsection.

31 (f) If, at a hearing held under (d) of this section, the court reviews a petition

1 for 30-day commitment, the court shall hold the next hearing in accordance with
2 AS 47.30.735. If the court grants the petition for 30-day commitment, the respondent
3 may remain at the crisis residential center until admission to a designated treatment
4 facility.

5 (g) If, at a hearing held under (d) of this section, the court reviews a petition
6 for seven-day detention at a crisis residential center, the respondent has the rights
7 listed in AS 47.30.735(b)(1) - (9). At the conclusion of a hearing on a petition for
8 seven-day detention at a crisis residential center, the court

9 (1) may order the respondent detained at the crisis residential center
10 for up to seven days following the respondent's arrival at the crisis stabilization center
11 or the crisis residential center, whichever is earlier, if the court finds there is probable
12 cause to believe that

13 (A) the respondent is suffering an acute behavioral health crisis
14 and, as a result, is likely to cause serious harm to self or others or is gravely
15 disabled; and

16 (B) the respondent's acute behavioral health crisis will be
17 resolved during admission to the crisis residential center; or

18 (2) shall order the respondent released if the court finds no probable
19 cause.

20 **Sec. 47.30.709. Rights of respondents at crisis stabilization centers and**
21 **crisis residential centers; psychotropic medication; time.** (a) If, at any time during
22 a respondent's hold at a crisis stabilization center or detention at a crisis residential
23 center, the professional person in charge determines that the respondent does not meet
24 the standard for a hold or detention, the respondent may no longer be held or detained.
25 The professional person in charge shall notify the petitioner and the court, if
26 applicable.

27 (b) When a respondent is held at a crisis stabilization center or detained at a
28 crisis residential center, the respondent has the rights identified in AS 47.30.725 and,

29 (1) if an adult, the rights identified under AS 47.30.817 - 47.30.865;
30 and

31 (2) if a minor, the rights identified in AS 47.30.700 - 47.30.865.

1 (c) A respondent subject to an involuntary stabilization hold or detention at a
2 crisis stabilization center or crisis residential center may, at any time, convert to
3 voluntary status if the professional person in charge agrees that

4 (1) the respondent is an appropriate patient for voluntary status; and

5 (2) the conversion is made in good faith.

6 (d) A crisis stabilization center or crisis residential center may administer
7 psychotropic medication to an involuntarily held or detained respondent only in a
8 manner that is consistent with AS 47.30.838.

9 (e) Computation of a 23-hour and 59-minute holding time at a crisis
10 stabilization center includes Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, but does not
11 include any period of time necessary to transport a respondent to a crisis stabilization
12 center. Computation of a seven-day detention at a crisis residential center includes
13 Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, but does not include any period of time
14 necessary to transport a respondent to a crisis residential center.

15 * **Sec. 17.** AS 47.30.710 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 47.30.710. Examination; hospitalization.** (a) A respondent who is
17 delivered under AS 47.30.700 - 47.30.705 to an evaluation facility [, EXCEPT FOR
18 DELIVERY TO A CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTER AS DEFINED IN
19 AS 47.32.900,] for emergency examination and treatment shall be examined and
20 evaluated as to mental and physical condition by a mental health professional and by a
21 physician within 24 hours after arrival at the facility. [A RESPONDENT WHO IS
22 DELIVERED UNDER AS 47.30.705 TO A CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTER
23 SHALL BE EXAMINED BY A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AS
24 DEFINED IN AS 47.30.915 WITHIN THREE HOURS AFTER ARRIVING AT THE
25 CENTER.]

26 (b) If the mental health professional who performs the emergency examination
27 **under (a) of this section** has reason to believe that the respondent is [(1)] mentally ill
28 and that condition causes the respondent to be gravely disabled or to present a
29 likelihood of serious harm to self or others, and **the respondent** [(2)] is in need of care
30 or treatment, the mental health professional may

31 **(1) admit the respondent to a crisis residential center;**

1 (2) hospitalize the respondent; [,] or
2 (3) arrange for hospitalization, on an emergency basis [. IF A
3 JUDICIAL ORDER HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED UNDER AS 47.30.700, THE
4 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL APPLY FOR AN EX PARTE
5 ORDER AUTHORIZING HOSPITALIZATION FOR EVALUATION].

6 * **Sec. 18.** AS 47.30.710 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 (c) If a mental health professional hospitalizes a respondent or arranges for the
8 hospitalization of a respondent under (b) of this section and a judicial order has not
9 been obtained under AS 47.30.700, the mental health professional shall apply for an
10 ex parte order authorizing the hospitalization for evaluation.

11 (d) If a mental health professional readmits a respondent to an evaluation
12 facility after a discharge from a subacute mental health facility, the respondent is not
13 willing to remain at the evaluation facility on a voluntary basis, and a judicial order
14 has not been obtained under AS 47.30.700, the mental health professional shall apply
15 for an ex parte order authorizing hospitalization for evaluation. Unless otherwise
16 ordered by the court upon receiving the application for an ex parte order, the
17 respondent shall remain at the evaluation facility until the court issues a decision on
18 the application for an ex parte order.

19 * **Sec. 19.** AS 47.30.715 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 47.30.715. Procedure after order.** When an evaluation [A] facility
21 receives a proper order for evaluation, it shall accept the order and the respondent for
22 an evaluation period not to exceed 72 hours. The evaluation facility shall promptly
23 notify the court of the date and time of the respondent's arrival. The court shall set a
24 date, time, and place for a 30-day commitment hearing, to be held if needed within 72
25 hours after the respondent's arrival, and the court shall notify the evaluation facility,
26 the respondent, the respondent's guardian, if any, the respondent's attorney, [AND]
27 the petitioner's [PROSECUTING] attorney, if any, and the attorney general of the
28 time and place of the hearing [ARRANGEMENTS]. Evaluation personnel, when
29 used, shall similarly notify the court of the date and time when they first met with the
30 respondent.

31 * **Sec. 20.** AS 47.30.805 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 47.30.805. Computation, extension, and expiration of periods of time.**

2 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section,

3 (1) computations of a 72-hour evaluation period under **AS 47.30.708**
4 **or 47.30.715** [AS 47.30.715] or a 48-hour detention period under AS 47.30.685 do not
5 include Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, or any period of time necessary to
6 transport the respondent to the treatment facility, **except that if the exclusion of**
7 **Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from the computation of a 72-hour**
8 **evaluation period or 48-hour detention period would result in the respondent**
9 **being held for longer than 72 hours or 48 hours, as applicable, the period ends at**
10 **5:00 p.m. on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday;**

11 (2) **a seven-day detention at a crisis residential center expires at**
12 **the end of the seventh day following the respondent's arrival at the crisis**
13 **stabilization center or the crisis residential center, whichever is earlier;**

14 (3) a 30-day commitment period expires at the end of the 30th day
15 after the 72 hours following initial acceptance;

16 (4) [(3)] a 90-day commitment period expires at the end of the 90th
17 day after the expiration of a 30-day period of treatment;

18 (5) [(4)] a 180-day commitment period expires at the end of the 180th
19 day, after the expiration of a 90-day period of treatment or previous 180-day period,
20 whichever is applicable.

21 (b) When a respondent has failed to appear or been absent through the
22 respondent's own actions contrary to any order properly made or entered under
23 AS 47.30.660 - 47.30.915, the relevant commitment period shall be extended for a
24 period of time equal to the respondent's absence if written notice of absence is
25 promptly provided to the respondent's attorney and guardian, if **any** [THERE IS
26 ONE], and if, within 24 hours after the respondent has returned to the evaluation or
27 treatment facility, written notice of the corresponding extension and the reason for it is
28 given to the respondent and the respondent's attorney and guardian, if any, and to the
29 court.

30 * **Sec. 21.** AS 47.30.836 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (b) Before administering psychotropic medication to a minor patient under this

1 section, a mental health professional shall consult with a parent or guardian of the
2 minor, evaluate the minor for drug withdrawal and medical psychosis caused by
3 currently prescribed drugs or self-medication, and review all available information
4 regarding the minor's family history, diet, medications, and other contributing factors.

5 * **Sec. 22.** AS 47.30.838(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) If crisis situations as described in (a)(1) of this section occur repeatedly, or
7 if it appears that they may occur repeatedly, the evaluation facility, **crisis stabilization**
8 **center, crisis residential center,** or designated treatment facility may administer
9 psychotropic medication during **not** [NO] more than three crisis periods without the
10 patient's informed consent only with court approval under AS 47.30.839.

11 * **Sec. 23.** AS 47.30.838 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (e) Before determining whether a minor patient should be given psychotropic
13 medication under this section, a mental health professional shall, to the extent time and
14 the nature of the crisis permit, consult with a parent or guardian of the minor, evaluate
15 the minor for drug withdrawal and medical psychosis caused by currently prescribed
16 drugs or self-medication, and review all available information regarding the minor's
17 family history, diet, medications, and other possibly relevant factors.

18 * **Sec. 24.** AS 47.30.839(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) An evaluation facility or designated treatment facility may seek court
20 approval for administration of psychotropic medication to a patient by filing a petition
21 with the court, requesting a hearing on the capacity of the person to give informed
22 consent **and on the proposed use of psychotropic medication. The petition shall**
23 **provide specific information regarding the factors listed in AS 47.30.837(d)(2)(A)**
24 **- (E).**

25 * **Sec. 25.** AS 47.30.839(g) is amended to read:

26 (g) If the court determines **by clear and convincing evidence** that the patient
27 is not competent to provide informed consent and [, BY CLEAR AND
28 CONVINCING EVIDENCE,] was not competent to provide informed consent at the
29 time of previously expressed wishes documented under (d)(2) of this section, **that the**
30 **proposed use of medication is in the best interests of the patient considering at a**
31 **minimum the factors listed in AS 47.30.837(d)(2)(A) - (E), and that there is no**

1 **feasible less intrusive alternative**, the court shall approve the facility's proposed use
2 of psychotropic medication. The court's approval under this subsection applies to the
3 patient's initial period of commitment if the decision is made during that time period.
4 If the decision is made during a period for which the initial commitment has been
5 extended, the court's approval under this subsection applies to the period for which
6 commitment is extended.

7 * **Sec. 26.** AS 47.30.840(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A person undergoing evaluation or treatment under AS 47.30.660 -
9 47.30.915

10 (1) may not be photographed without the person's consent and that of
11 the person's guardian if a minor, except that the person may be photographed upon
12 admission to a facility for identification and for administrative purposes of the facility;
13 all photographs shall be confidential and may only be released by the facility to the
14 patient or the patient's designee unless a court orders otherwise;

15 (2) at the time of admission to an evaluation or treatment facility, shall
16 have reasonable precautions taken by the staff to inventory and safeguard the patient's
17 personal property; a copy of the inventory signed by the staff member making it shall
18 be given to the patient and made available to the patient's attorney and any other
19 person authorized by the patient to inspect the document;

20 (3) shall have access to an individual storage space for the patient's
21 private use while undergoing evaluation or treatment;

22 (4) shall be permitted to wear personal clothing, to keep and use
23 personal possessions including toilet articles if they are not considered unsafe for the
24 patient or other patients who might have access to them, and to keep and be allowed to
25 spend a reasonable sum of the patient's own money for the patient's needs and
26 comfort;

27 (5) shall be allowed to have visitors at reasonable times;

28 (6) shall have ready access to letter writing materials, including
29 stamps, and have the right to send and receive unopened mail;

30 (7) shall have reasonable access to a telephone, both to make and
31 receive confidential calls;

1 (8) has the right to be free of corporal punishment;
2 (9) has the right to reasonable opportunity for indoor and outdoor
3 exercise and recreation;
4 (10) has the right, at any time, to have a telephone conversation with or
5 be visited by an attorney;
6 (11) may not be retaliated against or subjected to any adverse change
7 of conditions or treatment solely because of assertion of rights under this section;

8 **(12) who is a minor or an adult for whom a guardian has been**
9 **appointed may not be transferred from a crisis stabilization center, evaluation**
10 **facility, or treatment facility to a different crisis stabilization center, evaluation**
11 **facility, or treatment facility before the center or facility makes a good faith**
12 **attempt to notify the parent or guardian of the person, as applicable, of the**
13 **proposed transfer.**

14 * **Sec. 27.** AS 47.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 **Sec. 47.30.912. Regulations.** The department shall adopt regulations to
16 implement AS 47.30.700 - 47.30.915.

17 * **Sec. 28.** AS 47.30.915(7) is amended to read:

18 (7) "evaluation facility" means a **hospital or crisis residential center**
19 [HEALTH CARE FACILITY] that has been designated or is operated by the
20 department to perform the evaluations described in AS 47.30.660 - 47.30.915, or a
21 medical facility [LICENSED UNDER AS 47.32 OR] operated **under 25 U.S.C. 5301**
22 **- 5423 (Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), as amended,**
23 **that performs evaluations** [BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT];

24 * **Sec. 29.** AS 47.30.915(9) is amended to read:

25 (9) "gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person as a result
26 of mental illness

27 (A) is in danger of physical harm arising from such complete
28 neglect of basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, or personal safety as to render
29 serious accident, illness, or death highly probable if care by another is not
30 taken; or

31 (B) **is so incapacitated that the person is incapable of**

1 **surviving safely in freedom** [WILL, IF NOT TREATED, SUFFER OR
2 CONTINUE TO SUFFER SEVERE AND ABNORMAL MENTAL,
3 EMOTIONAL, OR PHYSICAL DISTRESS, AND THIS DISTRESS IS
4 ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPAIRMENT OF JUDGMENT,
5 REASON, OR BEHAVIOR CAUSING A SUBSTANTIAL
6 DETERIORATION OF THE PERSON'S PREVIOUS ABILITY TO
7 FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY];

8 * **Sec. 30.** AS 47.30.915(15) is amended to read:

9 (15) "peace officer" **has the meaning given in AS 01.10.060(a)**
10 [INCLUDES A STATE POLICE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL OR OTHER LOCAL
11 POLICE OFFICER, STATE, MUNICIPAL, OR OTHER LOCAL HEALTH
12 OFFICER, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, UNITED STATES MARSHAL OR
13 DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL, OR A PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE
14 COURT];

15 * **Sec. 31.** AS 47.30.915 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

16 (21) "crisis residential center" has the meaning given in AS 47.32.900;

17 (22) "crisis stabilization center" has the meaning given in
18 AS 47.32.900;

19 (23) "health officer" means a federally certified health care provider,
20 public health nurse, emergency medical technician, paramedic, firefighter, or a person
21 authorized by the court to carry out AS 47.30.660 - 47.30.915;

22 (24) "subacute mental health facility" has the meaning given in
23 AS 47.32.900.

24 * **Sec. 32.** AS 47.32.010(b), as repealed and reenacted by sec. 79 of Executive Order 121, is
25 amended to read:

26 (b) The following entities are subject to this chapter and regulations adopted
27 under this chapter by the Department of Health:

28 (1) ambulatory surgical centers;

29 (2) assisted living homes;

30 (3) child care facilities;

31 (4) freestanding birth centers;

- 1 (5) home health agencies;
2 (6) hospices, or agencies providing hospice services or operating
3 hospice programs;
4 (7) hospitals;
5 (8) intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual
6 disability or related condition;
7 (9) maternity homes;
8 (10) nursing facilities;
9 (11) residential child care facilities;
10 (12) residential psychiatric treatment centers;
11 (13) rural health clinics;
12 (14) **subacute mental health facilities** [CRISIS STABILIZATION
13 CENTERS].

14 * **Sec. 33.** AS 47.32.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

15 (23) "subacute mental health facility" means a facility, or a part or unit
16 of a facility, that has been designed to evaluate, stabilize, and treat, on a short-term,
17 intensive, and recovery-oriented basis, and without the use of hospitalization,
18 individuals experiencing an acute behavioral health crisis, including a crisis
19 stabilization center and a crisis residential center; in this paragraph,

20 (A) "crisis residential center" means a subacute mental health
21 facility that has a maximum stay of seven days for an involuntary admission;

22 (B) "crisis stabilization center" means a subacute mental health
23 facility that has a maximum stay of 23 hours and 59 minutes.

24 * **Sec. 34.** AS 47.32.900(5) is repealed.

25 * **Sec. 35.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

27 **INDIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT.** AS 47.30.708(d), enacted by sec. 16 of
28 this Act, and AS 47.30.805(a)(1), as amended by sec. 20 of this Act, have the effect of
29 changing Rule 6(a), Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, by changing the procedure for
30 computing time in certain cases.

31 * **Sec. 36.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. (a) One year after the effective date of secs. 1 -
3 37 and 39 of this Act, the Department of Health, the Department of Family and Community
4 Services, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority shall submit a joint report to the
5 senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives, notify the legislature that the
6 report is available, and make the report available to the public. The report must

7 (1) include an assessment of the current state, federal, and accrediting body
8 requirements for psychiatric patient rights, including patient grievance and appeal policies and
9 procedures; the assessment must address the adequacy of these policies and procedures and
10 the practical challenges patients face in availing themselves of these rights;

11 (2) identify and recommend any additional changes to state statutes,
12 regulations, or other requirements that could improve patient outcomes and enhance patient
13 rights, including items that could be added to AS 47.30.825, particularly involving
14 involuntary admissions, involuntary medications, and the practical ability of patients to avail
15 themselves of their rights;

16 (3) assess and recommend any needed changes to current processes for data
17 collection and reporting of patient grievances and appeals, patient reports of harm and
18 restraint, and the resolution of these matters and provide recommendations for making this
19 information available to the public; and

20 (4) identify methods for collecting and making available to the legislature and
21 the general public statistics recording

22 (A) the number, type, and cause of patient and staff injuries;

23 (B) the number, type, and resolution of patient and staff complaints;

24 and

25 (C) the number, type, and cause of traumatic events experienced by a
26 patient; in this subparagraph, "traumatic event" means being administered medication
27 involuntarily or being placed in isolation or physical restraint of any kind.

28 (b) The process used by the Department of Health, the Department of Family and
29 Community Services, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to develop the
30 assessment and recommendations under (a) of this section must include convening a diverse
31 stakeholder group that includes members representing patients with lived experience, patient

1 advocates, the Disability Law Center of Alaska, providers of psychiatric services, the
2 ombudsman, the Alaska Mental Health Board, the Department of Health, the Department of
3 Family and Community Services, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. A draft
4 assessment and any recommendations must be made available for public comment, and any
5 comments must be given due consideration before the production and transmittal of the final
6 report.

7 * **Sec. 37.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 TRANSITION: LICENSING. Notwithstanding AS 47.32.010(b), as amended by sec.
10 32 of this Act, the Department of Health shall consider a valid unexpired license issued before
11 the effective date of sec. 32 of this Act to a facility identified as a crisis stabilization center as
12 a license for a subacute mental health facility until that license is renewed, suspended, or
13 revoked.

14 * **Sec. 38.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and Social Services, the
17 Department of Health, or the Department of Family and Community Services, as applicable,
18 may adopt regulations to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62
19 (Administrative Procedure Act) but not before the effective date of the law implemented by
20 the regulation.

21 * **Sec. 39.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
22 read:

23 CONDITIONAL EFFECT. AS 47.30.708(d), enacted by sec. 16 of this Act, and
24 AS 47.30.805(a)(1), as amended by sec. 20 of this Act, take effect only if sec. 35 of this Act
25 receives the two-thirds majority vote of each house required by art. IV, sec. 15, Constitution
26 of the State of Alaska.

27 * **Sec. 40.** Section 38 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).