

Bill No.: HB0156 **Effective:** Immediately

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Chapter No.: [Chapter Number_RO]

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: Involuntary commitment-emergency detention amendments.

Subject: Update of the emergency detention statute related to involuntary commitments.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill updates various provisions within W.S. 25-10-109, related to when a mentally ill person can be detained on an emergency basis, prior to permanent involuntary commitment proceedings.
- The bill incorporates relevant involuntary outpatient commitment references and standards into emergency detention statutory provisions in response to the adoption of an involuntary outpatient commitment option during the 2016 Budget Session.
- The bill updates emergency detention standards by incorporating relevant convalescent leave references and standards.
- The bill amends and supplements procedures related to emergency detentions that continue after the initial emergency detention decision has been made.
- The bill incorporates new, continuing, professional psychiatric examination requirements when a person is subject to continuing detention.
- With a patient's consent, the bill requires follow-up mental health care upon release from emergency detention.
- The bill amends provisions regarding the disclosure of information and the exercise of specific rights to include parents and guardians. The bill also amends disclosure and information-related provisions regarding county attorneys and the courts.
- The bill requires any care provided during an emergency detention be provided in the least restrictive and most therapeutic setting.

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