

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6213

As Passed Senate, February 11, 2004

Title: An act relating to making technical, clarifying, and nonsubstantive changes to mental health advance directive provisions.

Brief Description: Making technical, clarifying, and nonsubstantive changes to mental health advance directive provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Children & Family Services & Corrections: 1/21/04 [DP].
Passed Senate: 2/11/04, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Stevens, Chair; Parlette, Vice Chair; Carlson, Deccio, Hargrove, McAuliffe and Regala.

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Background: The state mental health advance directives bill went into effect on July 27, 2003 and is codified as Chapter 71.32 in the Revised Code of Washington. It was anticipated that some clarifications and technical amendments would be needed as the law began to be implemented.

Summary of Bill: Nothing in the voluntary discharge provisions for a person admitted to inpatient treatment under the authority of his or her mental health advance directive prevents the person from being detained for civil commitment under the provisions of the involuntary treatment act if the person meets the criteria for detention.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.