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By Representatives Young, Cody, Schmick, and Macri

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1 AN ACT Relating to the transfer of patients on a single bed  
2 certification to an evaluation and treatment facility; and amending  
3 RCW 71.05.745.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.05.745 and 2018 c 201 s 3032 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The authority may use a single bed certification process as  
8 outlined in rule to provide additional treatment capacity for a  
9 person suffering from a mental disorder for whom an evaluation and  
10 treatment bed is not available. The facility that is the proposed  
11 site of the single bed certification must be a facility that is  
12 willing and able to provide the person with timely and appropriate  
13 treatment either directly or by arrangement with other public or  
14 private agencies.

15 (2) A single bed certification must be specific to the patient  
16 receiving treatment.

17 (3) A designated crisis responder who submits an application for  
18 a single bed certification for treatment at a facility that is  
19 willing and able to provide timely and appropriate mental health  
20 treatment in good faith belief that the single bed certification is  
21 appropriate may presume that the single bed certification will be

1 approved for the purpose of completing the detention process and  
2 responding to other emergency calls.

3 (4) Once a bed at an evaluation and treatment facility is  
4 vacated, a patient in a facility as a result of a single bed  
5 certification must be transferred to the evaluation and treatment  
6 facility promptly, but no later than twenty-four hours after the bed  
7 becomes vacant. If there are multiple patients on single bed  
8 certification waiting for an evaluation and treatment facility bed to  
9 become available, the vacated bed must be made available to the  
10 patient who has been waiting on a single bed certification for the  
11 longest period of time, unless the evaluation and treatment facility  
12 and the authority agree that the evaluation and treatment facility is  
13 not capable of meeting the patient's clinical needs. An evaluation  
14 and treatment facility may not refuse to admit a patient who is on a  
15 single bed certification if the evaluation and treatment facility is  
16 capable of meeting the patient's clinical needs.

17 (5) The authority may adopt rules implementing this section and  
18 continue to enforce rules it has already adopted except where  
19 inconsistent with this section.

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