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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 (page 4, lines 25 to 38 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 11 in §3864 in subsection 5 in paragraph C in the 3rd, 4th and 5th lines (page 11, lines 16 to 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A hearing must be held on every application, even if the examiners' report indicates that the person is not mentally ill or does not pose a likelihood of serious harm."

Amend the bill in section 11 in §3864 in subsection 8 in the 5th line (page 12, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "30" and inserting the following: '30'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Removes the language concerning a certification outside the hospital emergency room permitting a physician's assistant, certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner, as well as a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist, to make the certification;
2. Removes the requirement of a hearing in every involuntary commitment proceeding; and
3. Reduces the notice period for continued involuntary hospitalization from 30 days to 21 days.