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**HB1564 Public Health - Emergency Evaluations - Duties of Peace Officers and  
Emergency Facilities - Support**

Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair, esteemed members of the Health and Government Operations Committee. I am here to present **HB1564 Public Health - Emergency Evaluations - Duties of Peace Officers and Emergency Facilities**.

As you know, emergency departments and emergency personnel have been victimized by increased violence. **House Bill 1564** seeks to address the limited situation when an individual is brought to an emergency facility for an evaluation.

Under current law, when a peace officer brings an emergency evaluatee to an emergency facility for an evaluation, that peace officer is not required to stay with the evaluatee unless specifically requested by the physician because the evaluatee is violent.

However, often when an evaluatee is brought into the emergency facility, the physician may not be immediately available to see the evaluatee to request that the peace officer remain with the evaluatee.

Therefore, **HB1564** broadens the list of emergency facility personnel who can request that a peace officer stay because the emergency evaluatee is violent to recognize the practicalities within the emergency department. This list of emergency facilities includes a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or other advanced practice professional employed or under contract with the emergency facility.

**HB1564** will also require, to the extent possible, that a peace officer notify the emergency facility in advance that the peace officer is bringing an emergency evaluatee to the facility. This will better prepare the emergency facility to prepare for the arrival of the emergency evaluatee.

Thank you for your time. I urge a favorable vote for **HB1564**.