

# HOUSE BILL 767

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Mental Hygiene Law – Assisted Outpatient Treatment**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that an application for assisted outpatient treatment  
4 may be submitted to a court by certain individuals; requiring that the  
5 application include certain information; requiring an applicant to provide to the  
6 court and a certain individual a certain treatment plan before a certain hearing  
7 is held; providing that a certain treating physician does not have to be the  
8 physician who supported a certain application; requiring, under certain  
9 circumstances, a certain treatment plan to include certain information  
10 regarding medication; requiring a treating physician to take certain actions  
11 when a treatment plan is being developed; requiring, except under certain  
12 circumstances, a court to hold a hearing on a certain application within a  
13 certain time period; requiring that a certain individual be represented by  
14 counsel at certain proceedings and be given the opportunity to take certain  
15 actions; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the court to hold the hearing  
16 in the absence of a certain individual; authorizing, under certain circumstances,  
17 the court to request a certain individual to consent to an examination by a  
18 certain physician; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the court to order a  
19 certain individual to be taken into custody and transported to a hospital for a  
20 certain examination; prohibiting a certain individual from being held for more  
21 than a certain number of hours; requiring certain physicians to testify at a  
22 certain hearing and to make certain statements; prohibiting the court from  
23 prohibiting an applicant from presenting certain evidence; authorizing, under  
24 certain circumstances, a court to order assisted outpatient treatment for a  
25 certain individual; requiring a certain order to include a certain treatment plan;  
26 prohibiting a certain order from being effective for more than a certain period of  
27 time; requiring, under certain circumstances, a court to deny a certain  
28 application; authorizing a certain individual to submit certain motions to the  
29 court during a certain time period; requiring a treating physician to apply to the  
30 court for approval before making certain changes to a certain treatment plan;  
31 requiring, except under certain circumstances, a court to hold a hearing on

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 certain changes to a certain treatment plan; authorizing the treating physician  
2 to make certain changes to a certain treatment plan without applying to the  
3 court for approval; authorizing an applicant to apply to the court for an  
4 extension of a certain order within a certain time period before the order  
5 expires; requiring the court to hold a hearing in accordance with a certain  
6 provision of law on an application for an extension; authorizing a court to  
7 extend a certain order for a certain period of time; requiring a court to deny an  
8 application for an extension under certain circumstances; providing that an  
9 individual's substantial failure to comply with a certain order may constitute  
10 presumptive reasons for a certain physician to petition for a certain evaluation;  
11 prohibiting an individual's failure to comply with a certain order from being  
12 grounds for a certain finding or involuntary admission to a State facility under  
13 certain provisions of law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to  
14 assisted outpatient treatment.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Health – General  
17 Section 10–929 through 10–937 to be under the new part “Part V. Assisted  
18 Outpatient Treatment”  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

21 Preamble

22 WHEREAS, A small but significant subset of individuals with severe mental  
23 illness suffer from an affliction known as anosognosia, which causes an individual to  
24 lack the insight to recognize that the individual has a mental illness or the individual's  
25 need for treatment; and

26 WHEREAS, Individuals with anosognosia repeatedly fail to adhere to  
27 prescribed mental health treatment; and

28 WHEREAS, When individuals with anosognosia remain untreated, they suffer  
29 unnecessarily from homelessness, poverty, repeated arrests, trauma, and suicide; and

30 WHEREAS, When individuals with anosognosia remain untreated, they lack  
31 the capacity to make rational and informed decisions regarding their civil rights; and

32 WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only five states without a statutory or  
33 regulatory provision that allows a court to order assisted outpatient treatment for an  
34 individual on the finding that the individual suffers from a severe and disabling  
35 mental illness and demonstrates difficulty in voluntarily adhering to prescribed  
36 mental health treatment; and

37 WHEREAS, Multiple studies of the benefits of assisted outpatient treatment in  
38 other states show that assisted outpatient treatment helps restore an individual's

1 dignity and mental faculties, which are prerequisites for the individual being able to  
2 exercise the individual's civil rights; now, therefore,

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 **10-927. RESERVED.**

7 **10-928. RESERVED.**

8 **PART V. ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.**

9 **10-929.**

10 (A) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
11 INDICATED.

12 (B) “APPLICANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUBMITS AN  
13 APPLICATION FOR ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT TO A COURT UNDER §  
14 10-930 OF THIS PART.

15 (C) “APPLICATION” MEANS AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTED  
16 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SUBMITTED TO A COURT UNDER § 10-930(A) OF THIS  
17 PART.

18 (D) “ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT” MEANS A SPECIFIC REGIMEN  
19 OF OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL DISORDER THAT IS ORDERED BY A  
20 COURT UNDER § 10-933(A)(1) OF THIS PART.

21 (E) “ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PLAN” MEANS THE  
22 TREATMENT PLAN THAT IS INCLUDED IN AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT ORDER  
23 UNDER § 10-933(A)(2) OF THIS PART.

24 (F) “COURT” MEANS THE DISTRICT COURT OR A CIRCUIT COURT OF  
25 THE STATE.

26 (G) “TREATING PHYSICIAN” MEANS A PHYSICIAN WHO IS OR WILL BE  
27 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S MENTAL  
28 DISORDER DURING THE PERIOD THE INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT TO AN ASSISTED  
29 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ORDER.

1           **(H) “TREATMENT PLAN” MEANS A PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THE**  
2 **SUPERVISION OF A TREATING PHYSICIAN THAT:**

3           **(1) INCORPORATES ALL OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH**  
4 **TREATMENT SERVICES THAT ARE DETERMINED TO BE ESSENTIAL AND**  
5 **AVAILABLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF AN**  
6 **INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM AN APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT**  
7 **TREATMENT; AND**

8           **(2) FOR EACH OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICE, IDENTIFIES A**  
9 **COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER THAT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE TO**  
10 **THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM AN APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT**  
11 **TREATMENT.**

12 **10-930.**

13           **(A) AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT MAY BE**  
14 **SUBMITTED TO A COURT BY:**

15           **(1) THE DIRECTOR OF A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
16 **PROGRAM THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING UNDER SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS TITLE;**  
17 **OR**

18           **(2) AN ADULT WHO HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE**  
19 **WELFARE OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE ADULT SEEKS ASSISTED**  
20 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.**

21           **(B) AN APPLICATION SHALL:**

22           **(1) BE IN WRITING;**

23           **(2) BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT;**

24           **(3) STATE:**

25           **(I) THE APPLICANT’S NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP,**  
26 **IF ANY, TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED**  
27 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT;**

28           **(II) THE NAME AND ANY KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE**  
29 **INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT**  
30 **TREATMENT;**

1                   (III) THAT THE APPLICANT HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT  
3 TREATMENT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT  
4 LISTED IN § 10-933(A)(1) OF THIS PART; AND

5                   (IV) FOR EACH CRITERION LISTED IN § 10-933(A)(1) OF THIS  
6 PART, THE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF FACT THAT SUPPORT THE APPLICANT'S  
7 BELIEF THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED  
8 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT MEETS THE CRITERION; AND

9                   (4) INCLUDE AN AFFIDAVIT OR AFFIRMATION OF A PHYSICIAN,  
10 STATING THAT THE PHYSICIAN:

11                   (i) IS WILLING AND ABLE TO TESTIFY AT THE APPLICATION  
12 HEARING UNDER § 10-932(A) OF THIS PART; AND

13                   (ii) 1. A. PERSONALLY EXAMINED THE INDIVIDUAL  
14 FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT WITHIN  
15 10 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION; AND

16                                   B. CONCLUDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE  
17 CRITERIA LISTED IN § 10-933(A)(1) OF THIS PART; OR

18                                   2. A. WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AFTER MAKING  
19 REASONABLE ATTEMPTS WITHIN 10 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE  
20 APPLICATION, IN PERSUADING THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT  
21 SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT TO SUBMIT TO AN EXAMINATION;  
22 AND

23                                   B. IN GOOD FAITH BELIEVES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL  
24 MEETS THE CRITERIA LISTED IN § 10-933(A)(1) OF THIS PART.

25 10-931.

26                   (A) (1) BEFORE A HEARING IS HELD UNDER § 10-932(A) OF THIS  
27 PART, THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COURT AND TO THE INDIVIDUAL  
28 FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT A  
29 PROPOSED WRITTEN TREATMENT PLAN.

30                   (2) THE TREATING PHYSICIAN UNDER WHOSE SUPERVISION THE  
31 TREATMENT PLAN WAS DEVELOPED MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE THE SAME  
32 PHYSICIAN WHOSE AFFIDAVIT OR AFFIRMATION WAS INCLUDED IN AN  
33 APPLICATION UNDER § 10-930(B) OF THIS PART.

1           **(B) IF A TREATMENT PLAN PROVIDED TO A COURT UNDER SUBSECTION**  
2 **(A)(1) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING**  
3 **MEDICATION, THE TREATMENT PLAN SHALL:**

4                   **(1) STATE WHETHER THE MEDICATION SHOULD BE**  
5 **SELF-ADMINISTERED OR ADMINISTERED BY AN AUTHORIZED PROFESSIONAL;**  
6 **AND**

7                   **(2) SPECIFY THE TYPE AND DOSAGE OF THE MEDICATION THAT IS**  
8 **MOST LIKELY TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR**  
9 **WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.**

10           **(C) WHEN A TREATMENT PLAN THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO A COURT**  
11 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION IS BEING DEVELOPED, THE**  
12 **TREATING PHYSICIAN SHALL:**

13                   **(1) PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS**  
14 **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHOM THE**  
15 **INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS, A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTIVELY**  
16 **PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN; AND**

17                   **(2) IF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS**  
18 **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT HAS EXECUTED AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**  
19 **FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, CONSIDER ANY DIRECTIONS AND**  
20 **PREFERENCES INCLUDED IN THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE.**

21 **10-932.**

22           **(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
23 **SUBSECTION, WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DATE AN APPLICATION FOR**  
24 **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT IS RECEIVED BY A COURT, THE COURT**  
25 **SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON THE APPLICATION.**

26                   **(2) (I) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, A COURT MAY HOLD A**  
27 **HEARING LATER THAN 3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DATE AN APPLICATION FOR**  
28 **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT IS RECEIVED.**

29                           **(II) IN DETERMINING WHETHER GOOD CAUSE IS SHOWN, A**  
30 **COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE NEED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY PROVIDE ASSISTED**  
31 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT**  
32 **SEEKS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.**

1           **(B) THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED**  
2 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SHALL:**

3           **(1) BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AT THE HEARING AND AT ALL**  
4 **STAGES OF A COURT PROCEEDING REGARDING AN APPLICATION; AND**

5           **(2) BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE, CALL**  
6 **WITNESSES, AND CROSS-EXAMINE ADVERSE WITNESSES.**

7           **(C) IF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM AN APPLICANT SEEKS ASSISTED**  
8 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT DOES NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND**  
9 **APPROPRIATE ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL APPEAR HAVE FAILED, THE**  
10 **COURT MAY CONDUCT THE HEARING IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S ABSENCE.**

11           **(D) (1) THE PHYSICIAN WHO RECOMMENDS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT**  
12 **TREATMENT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM AN APPLICANT SEEKS TREATMENT**  
13 **AND WHOSE MOST RECENT EXAMINATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WAS WITHIN 10**  
14 **DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING SHALL TESTIFY AT THE HEARING.**

15           **(2) THE PHYSICIAN SHALL STATE THE FACTS AND CLINICAL**  
16 **DETERMINATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE PHYSICIAN'S BELIEF THAT THE**  
17 **INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT IS BEING SOUGHT**  
18 **MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT LISTED IN §**  
19 **10-933(A)(1) OF THIS PART.**

20           **(3) (I) IF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS**  
21 **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT REFUSED TO BE EXAMINED BY A**  
22 **PHYSICIAN, THE COURT MAY REQUEST THE INDIVIDUAL TO CONSENT TO AN**  
23 **EXAMINATION BY A PHYSICIAN APPOINTED BY THE COURT.**

24           **(II) IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT CONSENT TO AN**  
25 **EXAMINATION BY A COURT-APPOINTED PHYSICIAN AND THE COURT FINDS**  
26 **REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE APPLICATION**  
27 **ARE TRUE, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE TAKEN INTO**  
28 **CUSTODY AND TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION BY A**  
29 **PHYSICIAN.**

30           **(III) IF A COURT ORDERS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BE TAKEN**  
31 **INTO CUSTODY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE**  
32 **INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE HELD FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS.**

1           **(E) (1) THE TREATING PHYSICIAN UNDER WHOSE SUPERVISION THE**  
2 **TREATMENT PLAN PROVIDED TO THE COURT WAS DEVELOPED SHALL TESTIFY**  
3 **AT THE HEARING TO EXPLAIN THE TREATMENT PLAN.**

4           **(2) FOR EACH CATEGORY OF PROPOSED TREATMENT, THE**  
5 **TREATING PHYSICIAN SHALL STATE:**

6                   **(I) THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION; AND**

7                   **(II) THE CLINICAL BASIS FOR THE PHYSICIAN'S BELIEF**  
8 **THAT THE RECOMMENDED TREATMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF**  
9 **THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH OR SAFETY.**

10           **(3) IF THE TREATMENT PLAN INCLUDES A RECOMMENDATION**  
11 **REGARDING MEDICATION, THE TREATING PHYSICIAN SHALL STATE:**

12                   **(I) THE TYPES OR CLASSES OF MEDICATION**  
13 **RECOMMENDED;**

14                   **(II) THE BENEFICIAL AND DETRIMENTAL PHYSICAL AND**  
15 **MENTAL EFFECTS OF THE RECOMMENDED MEDICATION; AND**

16                   **(III) WHETHER THE MEDICATION SHOULD BE**  
17 **SELF-ADMINISTERED OR ADMINISTERED BY AN AUTHORIZED PROFESSIONAL.**

18           **(4) IF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICANT SEEKS**  
19 **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT HAS EXECUTED AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**  
20 **FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, THE TREATING PHYSICIAN SHALL STATE**  
21 **THE CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO ANY DIRECTIONS AND PREFERENCES INCLUDED**  
22 **IN THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE IN DEVELOPING THE TREATMENT PLAN.**

23           **(F) A COURT MAY NOT PROHIBIT AN APPLICANT FROM PRESENTING**  
24 **RELEVANT EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT**  
25 **THE EVIDENCE DOES NOT RELATE TO A FACT ALLEGED IN THE APPLICATION.**

26 **10-933.**

27           **(A) (1) AFTER HOLDING A HEARING UNDER § 10-932 OF THIS PART, A**  
28 **COURT MAY ORDER ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL**  
29 **WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE APPLICATION IF THE COURT FINDS, BY CLEAR AND**  
30 **CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THAT:**

31                   **(I) THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADULT;**



1                   **(II) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A MENTAL DISORDER;**

2                   **(III) THE INDIVIDUAL IS CAPABLE OF SURVIVING SAFELY IN**  
3 **THE COMMUNITY WITH APPROPRIATE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AND SUPPORT;**

4                   **(IV) IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT ADHERE TO OUTPATIENT**  
5 **TREATMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL IS LIKELY TO DETERIORATE AND WILL PRESENT**  
6 **A DANGER TO THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OTHERS;**

7                   **(V) THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNLIKELY TO ADEQUATELY ADHERE**  
8 **TO OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AS DEMONSTRATED BY:**

9                           **1. THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR HISTORY OF**  
10 **NONADHERENCE TO VOLUNTARY TREATMENT; OR**

11                           **2. SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE**  
12 **INDIVIDUAL'S CLINICAL CONDITION THAT PREVENT THE INDIVIDUAL FROM**  
13 **MAKING RATIONAL AND INFORMED DECISIONS REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH**  
14 **TREATMENT; AND**

15                   **(VI) ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT IS THE LEAST**  
16 **RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE APPROPRIATE TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH AND**  
17 **SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.**

18                   **(2) IF A COURT ORDERS ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT**  
19 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ORDER:**

20                           **(I) MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN**  
21 **1 YEAR; AND**

22                           **(II) SHALL INCLUDE AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT**  
23 **PLAN THAT:**

24                                   **1. IS LIMITED IN SCOPE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
25 **INCLUDED IN THE TREATMENT PLAN PROVIDED TO THE COURT UNDER §**  
26 **10-931(A)(1) OF THIS PART; AND**

27                                   **2. INCLUDES ONLY THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
28 **MADE IN THE TREATMENT PLAN THAT THE COURT FINDS, BY CLEAR AND**  
29 **CONVINCING EVIDENCE, TO BE ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE**  
30 **INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH OR SAFETY.**

1           **(B) IF, AFTER HEARING ALL RELEVANT EVIDENCE, A COURT DOES NOT**  
2 **FIND BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE CRITERIA LISTED IN**  
3 **SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION IS MET, THE COURT SHALL DENY THE**  
4 **APPLICATION.**

5 **10-934.**

6           **AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT**  
7 **ORDER MAY SUBMIT A MOTION TO THE COURT TO STAY, VACATE, OR MODIFY**  
8 **THE ORDER AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD THE ORDER IS EFFECTIVE.**

9 **10-935.**

10           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MATERIAL CHANGE” MEANS:**

11                   **(1) AN ADDITION OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICES TO OR REMOVAL**  
12 **OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICES FROM THE TREATMENT PLAN THAT IS INCLUDED**  
13 **IN AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PLAN ORDER UNDER § 10-933(A)(2)**  
14 **OF THIS PART; OR**

15                   **(2) A DEVIATION FROM THE TERMS OF A TREATMENT PLAN THAT**  
16 **IS INCLUDED IN AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PLAN ORDER UNDER §**  
17 **10-933(A)(2) OF THIS PART RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF**  
18 **PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.**

19           **(B) (1) A TREATING PHYSICIAN SHALL APPLY TO THE COURT FOR**  
20 **APPROVAL BEFORE INSTITUTING ANY MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE ASSISTED**  
21 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PLAN.**

22                   **(2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
23 **PARAGRAPH, WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING AN APPLICATION UNDER**  
24 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON**  
25 **THE PROPOSED MATERIAL CHANGE.**

26                   **(II) A COURT IS NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD A HEARING ON A**  
27 **PROPOSED MATERIAL CHANGE IF THE INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO AN ASSISTED**  
28 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ORDER AGREES TO THE PROPOSED MATERIAL**  
29 **CHANGE.**

30           **(C) IF A CHANGE TO AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PLAN IS**  
31 **NOT A MATERIAL CHANGE, THE PHYSICIAN MAY MAKE A CHANGE WITHOUT**  
32 **APPLYING TO THE COURT FOR APPROVAL.**

1 **10-936.**

2 (A) WITHIN 30 DAYS BEFORE AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT  
3 ORDER EXPIRES, THE APPLICANT MAY APPLY TO THE COURT FOR AN  
4 EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.

5 (B) IF THE APPLICANT APPLIES FOR AN EXTENSION UNDER  
6 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON THE  
7 APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-932 OF THIS PART.

8 (C) (1) AFTER A HEARING IS HELD, IF THE COURT FINDS BY CLEAR  
9 AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE CRITERIA LISTED IN § 10-933(A)(1) OF  
10 THIS PART ARE MET, THE COURT MAY EXTEND THE ORDER FOR A PERIOD NOT  
11 TO EXCEED 1 YEAR.

12 (2) AFTER A HEARING IS HELD, IF THE COURT DOES NOT FIND BY  
13 CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE CRITERIA LISTED IN §  
14 10-933(A)(1) OF THIS PART ARE MET, THE COURT SHALL DENY THE  
15 APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION.

16 (D) IF THE COURT HAS NOT MADE A DETERMINATION REGARDING AN  
17 APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION BEFORE THE ORDER EXPIRES, THE ORDER  
18 SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COURT MAKES THE DETERMINATION.

19 **10-937.**

20 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL'S SUBSTANTIAL FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN  
21 ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ORDER MAY CONSTITUTE PRESUMPTIVE  
22 REASONS FOR THE TREATING PHYSICIAN TO PETITION FOR AN EMERGENCY  
23 EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-622 OF THIS TITLE.

24 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ASSISTED  
25 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ORDER MAY NOT BE GROUNDS FOR:

26 (1) A FINDING OF CONTEMPT OF COURT; OR

27 (2) INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO A STATE FACILITY UNDER  
28 SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2014.