

Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation
HB1019
Delegate Alston

Dear Delegates of HGO,

Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners are currently able to petition the court for emergency evaluations. Physicians can do likewise including push for emergency involuntary commitment. Further, elements of law enforcement and bench sergeants can move to funnel potential threats toward safe outcomes.

The balancing acts of how to keep this bill from being abused is not iterated. With but a few people working with focus, a few people taking time after psych outbursts to cement best practices, people working harder because times are harder.... For those minor inconveniences the Sponsor would advocate American citizens willingly give up their constitutional rights? No.

The concept of this bill was nonsense when Del. Cathy Vitale brought it a decade ago and it still remains a flawed concept. She made judge but her bill failed.

This society – with its mental illness, violence, disregard for life – these elements in Maryland are due to certain populations COMPLETELY turning their backs on God. Put simply, He won't be mocked.

I urge an UNFavorable on this type of unlawful intrusion.

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~vince

