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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
ACCESS TO OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL MEDICATION."**

1 In line 236, after "section," insert "(1)"

2 In line 239, after "overdose" insert ", and (2) 'person' has the same
3 meaning as provided in section 21a-240"

4 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
5 internal references accordingly:

6 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 28-5a of the general statutes is
7 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
8 *passage*):

9 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
10 shall coordinate with the [Commissioner] Commissioners of Public
11 Health and Mental Health and Addiction Services for the deployment
12 of grief counselors and mental health professionals to provide mental

13 health services to the family members or other individuals with a close
14 association with any victim of a mass shooting. Such deployments shall
15 be made to local community outreach groups in and around the
16 impacted geographical location and to any school or institution of
17 higher education where any victim or perpetrator of a mass shooting
18 event was enrolled.

19 Sec. 502. Section 17a-470 of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 Each state-operated facility for the treatment of persons with
22 psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, or both,
23 shall have an advisory board appointed by the superintendent or
24 director of the facility for terms to be decided by such superintendent or
25 director. The superintendent or director shall appoint at least two
26 persons with lived experience with a behavioral health disorder to the
27 advisory board. [In any case where the present number of members of
28 an advisory board is less than the number of members designated by
29 the superintendent or director of the facility, the superintendent or
30 director shall appoint additional members to such board in accordance
31 with this section in such manner that the terms of an approximately
32 equal number of members shall expire in each odd-numbered year. The
33 superintendent or director shall fill any vacancy that may occur for the
34 unexpired portion of any term. No member shall serve more than two
35 successive terms plus the balance of any unexpired term to which the
36 member had been appointed.] The superintendent or director of the
37 facility shall be an ex-officio member of the advisory board. Each
38 member of an advisory board of a state-operated facility within the
39 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services assigned a
40 geographical territory shall be a resident of the assigned geographical
41 territory. Members of said advisory boards shall receive no
42 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary
43 expenses involved in the performance of their duties. [At least one-third
44 of such members shall be from regional behavioral health action
45 organizations, established pursuant to section 17a-484f, and at least one-

46 third shall be members of the catchment area councils, as provided in
47 section 17a-483, for the catchment areas served by such facility, except
48 that members serving as of October 1, 1977, shall serve out their terms]
49 The provisions of this section shall not apply to the Connecticut Valley
50 Hospital Advisory Council established pursuant to section 17a-471a or
51 the oversight board for Whiting Forensic Hospital established pursuant
52 to section 17a-565.

53 Sec. 503. Section 17a-471 of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

55 Any advisory board established pursuant to section 17a-470, as
56 amended by this act, shall: Meet with the superintendent or director of
57 the facility periodically to advise him on the programs and policies of
58 the facility; act as a liaison between its facility and the residents of the
59 facility's assigned geographic territory and the state of Connecticut to
60 inform them of the programs and policies of the facility; and issue
61 reports, in a form and manner prescribed by such advisory board, to the
62 Governor and Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
63 on conditions at the facility and recommendations for changes or
64 improvements in the facility.

65 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 17a-476 of the general statutes is
66 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
67 *1, 2026*):

68 (a) Any general hospital, municipality or nonprofit organization in
69 Connecticut may apply to the Department of Mental Health and
70 Addiction Services for funds to establish, expand or maintain
71 psychiatric or mental health services. The application for funds shall be
72 submitted on forms provided by the Department of Mental Health and
73 Addiction Services, and shall be accompanied by (1) a definition of the
74 towns and areas to be served; (2) a plan by means of which the applicant
75 proposes to coordinate its activities with those of other local agencies
76 presently supplying mental health services or contributing in any way
77 to the mental health of the area; (3) a description of the services to be

78 provided, and the methods through which these services will be
79 provided; and (4) indication of the methods that will be employed to
80 effect a balance in the use of state and local resources so as to foster local
81 initiative, responsibility and participation. In accordance with
82 subdivision (4) of section 17a-480, the regional behavioral health action
83 organization, established pursuant to section 17a-484f, serving the
84 mental health region in which the applicant is located shall review each
85 such application with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
86 Services and make recommendations to the department with respect to
87 each such application.

88 Sec. 505. Section 17a-482 of the general statutes is repealed and the
89 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

90 As used in this section, subsection (a) of section 17a-476, as amended
91 by this act, and sections 17a-478 to 17a-480, inclusive, as amended by
92 this act, [and section 17a-483,] unless the context otherwise requires:
93 "Catchment area" means any geographical area within the state
94 established as such by the Commissioner of Mental Health and
95 Addiction Services, the boundaries of which may be redesignated by
96 said commissioner when deemed necessary to equalize the population
97 of each area and in such manner as is consistent with the boundaries of
98 the municipalities therein, provided such boundaries of any catchment
99 area shall be entirely within the boundaries of a mental health region
100 established under section 17a-478, as amended by this act; ["council"
101 means the catchment area council established under section 17a-483;]
102 "regional behavioral health action organization" means the organization
103 established pursuant to section 17a-484f; and "provider" means any
104 person who receives income from private practice or any public or
105 private agency which delivers mental health services.

106 Sec. 506. Subsection (a) of section 17a-450a of the general statutes is
107 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
108 *1, 2026*):

109 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall

110 constitute a successor department to the Department of Mental Health.
111 Whenever the words "Commissioner of Mental Health" are used or
112 referred to in the following general statutes, the words "Commissioner
113 of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu
114 thereof and whenever the words "Department of Mental Health" are
115 used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words
116 "Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be
117 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-5, 4-38c, 4-77a, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-142, 8-206d,
118 10-19, 10-71, 10-76d, 17a-14, 17a-26, 17a-31, 17a-33, 17a-218, 17a-246, 17a-
119 450, 17a-451, 17a-453, 17a-454, 17a-455, 17a-456, 17a-457, 17a-458, 17a-
120 459, 17a-464, 17a-465, 17a-466, 17a-467, 17a-468, 17a-470, as amended by
121 this act, 17a-471, as amended by this act, 17a-472, 17a-473, 17a-474, 17a-
122 476, as amended by this act, 17a-478, as amended by this act, 17a-479,
123 17a-480, 17a-481, 17a-482, as amended by this act, [17a-483,] 17a-498, as
124 amended by this act, 17a-499, as amended by this act, 17a-502, 17a-506,
125 17a-510, 17a-511, 17a-512, 17a-513, 17a-519, as amended by this act, 17a-
126 528, as amended by this act, 17a-560, 17a-561, 17a-562, 17a-565, 17a-581,
127 17a-582, 17a-675, 17-836a, 17b-28, 17b-59a, 17b-222, 17b-223, 17b-225,
128 17b-359, 17b-694, 19a-82, 19a-495, 19a-498, 19a-507a, 19a-576, 19a-583,
129 20-14i, 20-14j, 21a-240, 21a-301, 27-122a, 31-222, 38a-514, 51-51o, 52-146h
130 and 54-56d.

131 Sec. 507. Section 17a-478 of the general statutes is repealed and the
132 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

133 The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
134 designate mental health regions within the state. Such regions and
135 boundaries thereof may be redesignated by said commissioner as he
136 deems necessary. For the purposes of sections 17a-476, as amended by
137 this act, and 17a-478 to 17a-480, inclusive, as amended by this act,
138 "community mental health services" means comprehensive services,
139 both medical and nonmedical, designed to (1) decrease the prevalence
140 and incidence of psychiatric disabilities, emotional disturbance and
141 social disfunctioning, and (2) promote mental health in individuals,
142 groups and institutions and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

143 Outreach and case finding, inpatient treatment, outpatient treatment,
144 partial hospitalization, diagnosis and screening, aftercare and
145 rehabilitation, education, consultation, emergency services, research,
146 evaluation, training and services to the courts. The Commissioner of
147 Mental Health and Addiction Services may enter into such contracts for
148 services as may be required to carry out the provisions of subsection (a)
149 of section 17a-476, as amended by this act, sections 17a-478 to 17a-480,
150 inclusive, as amended by this act, and [sections] section 17a-482, as
151 amended by this act. [and 17a-483.]

152 Sec. 508. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 17a-495 of the
153 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
154 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

155 (b) For the purposes of this section, sections 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-
156 482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-496 to 17a-528, inclusive, as
157 amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, and 17a-560 to 17a-
158 575, inclusive, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
159 "Business day" means Monday to Friday, inclusive, except when a legal
160 holiday falls on any such day; "hospital for persons with psychiatric
161 disabilities" means any public or private hospital, retreat, institution,
162 house or place in which any person with psychiatric disabilities is
163 received or detained as a patient, but shall not include any correctional
164 institution of this state; "patient" means any person detained and taken
165 care of as a person with psychiatric disabilities; "keeper of a hospital for
166 persons with psychiatric disabilities" means any person, body of
167 persons or corporation which has the immediate superintendence,
168 management and control of a hospital for persons with psychiatric
169 disabilities and the patients therein; "support" includes all necessary
170 food, clothing and medicine and all general expenses of maintaining
171 state hospitals for persons with psychiatric disabilities; "indigent
172 person" means any person who has an estate insufficient, in the
173 judgment of the Court of Probate, to provide for his or her support and
174 has no person or persons legally liable who are able to support him or
175 her; "dangerous to himself or herself or others" means there is a

176 substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual
177 upon his or her own person or upon another person; "gravely disabled"
178 means that a person, as a result of mental or emotional impairment, is
179 in danger of serious harm as a result of an inability or failure to provide
180 for his or her own basic human needs such as essential food, clothing,
181 shelter or safety and that hospital treatment is necessary and available
182 and that such person is mentally incapable of determining whether or
183 not to accept such treatment because his judgment is impaired by his
184 psychiatric disabilities; "respondent" means a person who is alleged to
185 have psychiatric disabilities and for whom an application for
186 commitment to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities has
187 been filed; "voluntary patient" means any patient sixteen years of age or
188 older who applies in writing to and is admitted to a hospital for persons
189 with psychiatric disabilities as a person with psychiatric disabilities or
190 any patient under sixteen years of age whose parent or legal guardian
191 applies in writing to such hospital for admission of such patient; and
192 "involuntary patient" means any patient hospitalized pursuant to an
193 order of a judge of the Probate Court after an appropriate hearing or a
194 patient hospitalized for emergency diagnosis, observation or treatment
195 upon certification of a qualified physician.

196 (c) For the purposes of this section and sections 17a-496 to 17a-528,
197 inclusive, as amended by this act, "person with psychiatric disabilities"
198 means any person who has a mental or emotional condition which has
199 substantial adverse effects on his or her ability to function and who
200 requires care and treatment, and specifically excludes a person who is
201 an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as defined in
202 section 17a-680.

203 (d) For the purposes of sections 17a-453, 17a-454, 17a-456, 17a-458 to
204 17a-464, inclusive, 17a-466 to 17a-469, inclusive, 17a-471, as amended by
205 this act, 17a-474, 17a-476 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by
206 this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, and
207 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, "person with psychiatric disabilities"
208 means any person who has a mental or emotional condition which has

209 substantial adverse effects on his or her ability to function and who
210 requires care and treatment, and specifically includes a person who is
211 an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as defined in
212 section 17a-680.

213 Sec. 509. Section 17a-496 of the general statutes is repealed and the
214 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

215 Any keeper of a hospital for psychiatric disabilities who wilfully
216 violates any of the provisions of this section, sections 17a-75 to 17a-83,
217 inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by this act,
218 17a-497 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550,
219 inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618,
220 inclusive, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or
221 imprisoned not more than one year or both.

222 Sec. 510. Subsection (b) of section 17a-497 of the general statutes is
223 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
224 *1, 2026*):

225 (b) Upon the motion of any respondent or his or her counsel, or the
226 probate judge having jurisdiction over such application, filed not later
227 than three days prior to any hearing scheduled on such application, the
228 Probate Court Administrator shall appoint a three-judge court from
229 among the probate judges to hear such application. The judge of the
230 Probate Court having jurisdiction over such application under the
231 provisions of this section shall be a member, provided such judge may
232 disqualify himself in which case all three members of such court shall
233 be appointed by the Probate Court Administrator. Such three-judge
234 court when convened shall have all the powers and duties set forth
235 under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482,
236 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as
237 amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575,
238 inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and shall be subject to all of
239 the provisions of law as if it were a single-judge court. No such
240 respondent shall be involuntarily confined without the vote of at least

241 two of the three judges convened hereunder. The judges of such court
242 shall designate a chief judge from among their members. All records for
243 any case before the three-judge court shall be maintained in the Probate
244 Court having jurisdiction over the matter as if the three-judge court had
245 not been appointed.

246 Sec. 511. Subsection (g) of section 17a-498 of the general statutes is
247 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
248 *1, 2026*):

249 (g) The hospital shall notify each patient at least annually that such
250 patient has a right to a further hearing pursuant to this section. If the
251 patient requests such hearing, it shall be held by the Probate Court for
252 the district in which the hospital is located. Any such request shall be
253 immediately filed with the appropriate court by the hospital. After such
254 request is filed with the Probate Court, it shall proceed in the manner
255 provided in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (f) of this section. In addition,
256 the hospital shall furnish the Probate Court for the district in which the
257 hospital is located on a monthly basis with a list of all patients confined
258 in the hospital involuntarily without release for one year since the last
259 annual review under this section of the patient's commitment or since
260 the original commitment. The hospital shall include in such notification
261 the type of review the patient last received. If the patient's last annual
262 review had a hearing, the Probate Court shall, within fifteen business
263 days thereafter, appoint an impartial physician who is a psychiatrist
264 from the list provided by the Commissioner of Mental Health and
265 Addiction Services as set forth in subsection (c) of this section and not
266 connected with the hospital in which the patient is confined or related
267 by blood or marriage to the original applicant or to the respondent,
268 which physician shall see and examine each such patient within fifteen
269 business days after such physician's appointment and make a report
270 forthwith to such court of the condition of the patient on forms provided
271 by the Probate Court Administrator. If the Probate Court concludes that
272 the confinement of any such patient should be reviewed by such court
273 for possible release of the patient, the court, on its own motion, shall

274 proceed in the manner provided in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (f) of this
275 section, except that the examining physician shall be considered one of
276 the physicians required by subsection (c) of this section. If the patient's
277 last annual review did not result in a hearing, and in any event at least
278 every two years, the Probate Court shall, within fifteen business days,
279 proceed with a hearing in the manner provided in subsections (a), (b),
280 (c) and (f) of this section. All costs and expenses, including Probate
281 Court entry fees provided by statute, in conjunction with the annual
282 psychiatric review and the judicial review under this subsection, except
283 costs for physicians appointed pursuant to this subsection, shall be
284 established by, and paid from funds appropriated to, the Judicial
285 Department, except that if funds have not been included in the budget
286 of the Judicial Department for such costs and expenses, such payment
287 shall be made from the Probate Court Administration Fund.
288 Compensation of any physician appointed to conduct the annual
289 psychiatric review, to examine a patient for any hearing held as a result
290 of such annual review or for any other biennial hearing required
291 pursuant to sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-
292 482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as
293 amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575,
294 inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, shall be paid by the state
295 from funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and
296 Addiction Services in accordance with rates established by the
297 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

298 Sec. 512. Section 17a-499 of the general statutes is repealed and the
299 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

300 All proceedings of the Probate Court, upon application made under
301 the provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-
302 483] 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528,
303 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560
304 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, shall be in
305 writing and filed in such court, and, whenever a court passes an order
306 for the admission of any person to any state hospital for psychiatric

307 disabilities, the court shall record the order and give a certified copy of
308 such order and of the reports of the physicians to the person by whom
309 such person is to be taken to the hospital, as the warrant for such taking
310 and commitment, and shall also forthwith transmit a like copy to the
311 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and, in the case
312 of a person in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, to the
313 Commissioner of Correction. Whenever a court passes an order for the
314 commitment of any person to any hospital for psychiatric disabilities, it
315 shall, within three business days, provide the Commissioner of Mental
316 Health and Addiction Services with access to identifying information
317 including, but not limited to, name, address, sex, date of birth and date
318 of commitment on all commitments ordered on and after June 1, 1998.
319 All commitment applications, orders of commitment and commitment
320 papers issued by any court in committing persons with psychiatric
321 disabilities to public or private hospitals for psychiatric disabilities shall
322 be in accordance with a form prescribed by the Probate Court
323 Administrator, which form shall be uniform throughout the state. State
324 hospitals and other hospitals for persons with psychiatric disabilities
325 shall, so far as they are able, upon reasonable request of any officer of a
326 court having the power of commitment, send one or more trained
327 attendants or nurses to attend any hearing concerning the commitment
328 of any person with psychiatric disabilities and any such attendant or
329 nurse, when present, shall be designated by the court as the authority to
330 serve commitment process issued under the provisions of sections 17a-
331 75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as
332 amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this
333 act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-
334 615 to 17a-618, inclusive.

335 Sec. 513. Subsection (a) of section 17a-500 of the general statutes is
336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
337 *1, 2026*):

338 (a) Each court of probate shall keep a record of the cases relating to
339 persons with psychiatric disabilities coming before it under sections

340 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as
341 amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this
342 act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-
343 615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and the disposition of them. It shall also keep
344 on file the original application and certificate of physicians required by
345 said sections, or a microfilm duplicate of such records in accordance
346 with regulations issued by the Probate Court Administrator. All records
347 maintained in the courts of probate under the provisions of said sections
348 shall be sealed and available only to the respondent or his or her counsel
349 unless the Court of Probate, after hearing held with notice to the
350 respondent, determines such records should be disclosed for cause
351 shown.

352 Sec. 514. Section 17a-501 of the general statutes is repealed and the
353 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

354 Any person with psychiatric disabilities, the expense of whose
355 support is paid by himself or by another person, may be committed to
356 any institution for the care of persons with psychiatric disabilities
357 designated by the person paying for such support; and any indigent
358 person with psychiatric disabilities, not a pauper, committed under the
359 provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483]
360 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive,
361 as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575,
362 inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, shall be committed to any
363 state hospital for psychiatric disabilities which is equipped to receive
364 him, at the discretion of the Court of Probate, upon consideration of a
365 request made by the person applying for such commitment.

366 Sec. 515. Section 17a-504 of the general statutes is repealed and the
367 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

368 Any person who wilfully and maliciously causes, or attempts to
369 cause, or who conspires with any other person to cause, any person who
370 does not have psychiatric disabilities to be committed to any hospital
371 for psychiatric disabilities, and any person who wilfully certifies falsely

372 to the psychiatric disabilities of any person in any certificate provided
373 for in sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482,
374 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as
375 amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575,
376 inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and any person who, under
377 the provisions of said sections relating to persons with psychiatric
378 disabilities, wilfully reports falsely to any court or judge that any person
379 has psychiatric disabilities, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

380 Sec. 516. Section 17a-505 of the general statutes is repealed and the
381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

382 When any female with psychiatric disabilities is escorted to a state
383 hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities by a male guard,
384 attendant or other employee of a correctional or reformatory institution,
385 or by a male law enforcement officer, under the provisions of sections
386 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as
387 amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this
388 act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-
389 615 to 17a-618, inclusive, the person so escorting her shall be
390 accompanied by an adult member of her family or at least one woman.

391 Sec. 517. Section 17a-519 of the general statutes is repealed and the
392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

393 Each officer or indifferent person making legal service of any order,
394 notice, warrant or other paper under the provisions of sections 17a-75 to
395 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by
396 this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to
397 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618,
398 inclusive, shall be entitled to the same compensation as is by law
399 provided for like services in civil causes. Physicians, for examining a
400 person alleged to have psychiatric disabilities and making a certificate
401 as provided by said sections, shall be entitled to a reasonable
402 compensation established by the Commissioner of Mental Health and
403 Addiction Services. The fees of the courts of probate shall be such as are

404 provided by law for similar services. The Superior Court, on an appeal,
405 may tax costs at its discretion.

406 Sec. 518. Section 17a-525 of the general statutes is repealed and the
407 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

408 Any person aggrieved by an order, denial or decree of a Probate
409 Court under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to [17a-483]
410 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive,
411 as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575,
412 inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, including any relative or
413 friend, on behalf of any person found to have psychiatric disabilities,
414 shall have the right of appeal in accordance with sections 45a-186 to 45a-
415 193, inclusive. On the trial of an appeal, the Superior Court may require
416 the state's attorney or, in the state's attorney's absence, some other
417 practicing attorney of the court to be present for the protection of the
418 interests of the state and of the public.

419 Sec. 519. Subsection (a) of section 17a-528 of the general statutes is
420 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
421 *1, 2026*):

422 (a) When any person is found to have psychiatric disabilities, and is
423 committed to a state hospital for psychiatric disabilities, upon
424 proceedings had under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to
425 [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528,
426 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560
427 to 17a-575, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, all fees and
428 expenses incurred upon the probate commitment proceedings, payment
429 of which is not otherwise provided for under said sections, shall be paid
430 by the state within available appropriations from funds appropriated to
431 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in accordance
432 with rates established by said department; and, if such person is found
433 not to have psychiatric disabilities, such fees and expenses shall be paid
434 by the applicant.

435 Sec. 520. Subsection (d) of section 45a-656 of the general statutes is
436 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
437 *1, 2026*):

438 (d) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or
439 authority to cause the respondent to be committed to any institution for
440 the treatment of the mentally ill except under the provisions of sections
441 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to [17a-483] 17a-482, inclusive, as
442 amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this
443 act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-575, inclusive, 17a-615
444 to 17a-618, inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-664, inclusive, and chapter 359.

445 Sec. 521. Subsection (e) of section 45a-677 of the general statutes is
446 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
447 *1, 2026*):

448 (e) A plenary guardian or limited guardian shall not have the power
449 or authority: (1) To cause the protected person to be admitted to any
450 institution for treatment of the mentally ill, except in accordance with
451 the provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to [17a-
452 483] 17a-482, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528,
453 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560
454 to 17a-575, inclusive, 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-
455 664, inclusive, and chapter 420b; (2) to cause the protected person to be
456 admitted to any training school or other facility provided for the care
457 and training of persons with intellectual disability if there is a conflict
458 concerning such admission between the guardian and the protected
459 person or next of kin, except in accordance with the provisions of
460 sections 17a-274 and 17a-275; (3) to consent on behalf of the protected
461 person to a sterilization, except in accordance with the provisions of
462 sections 45a-690 to 45a-700, inclusive; (4) to consent on behalf of the
463 protected person to psychosurgery, except in accordance with the
464 provisions of section 17a-543; (5) to consent on behalf of the protected
465 person to the termination of the protected person's parental rights,
466 except in accordance with the provisions of sections 45a-706 to 45a-709,
467 inclusive, 45a-715 to 45a-718, inclusive, 45a-724 to 45a-737, inclusive,

468 and 45a-743 to 45a-757, inclusive; (6) to consent on behalf of the
 469 protected person to the performance of any experimental biomedical or
 470 behavioral medical procedure or participation in any biomedical or
 471 behavioral experiment, unless it (A) is intended to preserve the life or
 472 prevent serious impairment of the physical health of the protected
 473 person, (B) is intended to assist the protected person to regain the
 474 protected person's abilities and has been approved for the protected
 475 person by the court, or (C) has been (i) approved by a recognized
 476 institutional review board, as defined by 45 CFR 46, 21 CFR 50 and 21
 477 CFR 56, as amended from time to time, which is not a part of the
 478 Department of Developmental Services, (ii) endorsed or supported by
 479 the Department of Developmental Services, and (iii) approved for the
 480 protected person by such protected person's primary care physician; (7)
 481 to admit the protected person to any residential facility operated by an
 482 organization by whom such guardian is employed, except in accordance
 483 with the provisions of section 17a-274; (8) to prohibit the marriage or
 484 divorce of the protected person; and (9) to consent on behalf of the
 485 protected person to an abortion or removal of a body organ, except in
 486 accordance with applicable statutory procedures when necessary to
 487 preserve the life or prevent serious impairment of the physical or mental
 488 health of the protected person.

489 Sec. 522. Section 17a-483 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 490 *October 1, 2026*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	28-5a(c)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	17a-470
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	17a-471
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-476(a)
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-482
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-450a(a)
Sec. 507	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-478
Sec. 508	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-495(b) to (d)
Sec. 509	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-496

Sec. 510	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-497(b)
Sec. 511	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-498(g)
Sec. 512	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-499
Sec. 513	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-500(a)
Sec. 514	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-501
Sec. 515	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-504
Sec. 516	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-505
Sec. 517	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-519
Sec. 518	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-525
Sec. 519	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-528(a)
Sec. 520	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	45a-656(d)
Sec. 521	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	45a-677(e)
Sec. 522	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	Repealer section