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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), entitled "An
2 act relating to mental health procedures; providing for the
3 treatment and rights of mentally disabled persons, for
4 voluntary and involuntary examination and treatment and for
5 determinations affecting those charged with crime or under
6 sentence," in general provisions, further providing for scope
7 of act, providing for definitions and further providing for
8 individualized treatment plan; in involuntary examination and
9 treatment, further providing for persons subject, for persons
10 for whom application may be made, and for additional periods
11 of court-ordered involuntary treatment; and adding provisions
12 relating to assisted outpatient treatment.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 103 of the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817,
16 No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, is amended
17 to read:

18 Section 103. Scope of Act.--This act establishes rights and
19 procedures for all involuntary treatment of mentally ill
20 persons, whether inpatient or outpatient, and for all voluntary
21 inpatient treatment of mentally ill persons. ["Inpatient

1 treatment" shall include all treatment that requires full or  
2 part-time residence in a facility. For the purpose of this act,  
3 a "facility" means any mental health establishment, hospital,  
4 clinic, institution, center, day care center, base service unit,  
5 community mental health center, or part thereof, that provides  
6 for the diagnosis, treatment, care or rehabilitation of mentally  
7 ill persons, whether as outpatients or inpatients.]

8 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 103.1. Definitions. <--

10 The following DEFINITIONS.--THE FOLLOWING words and phrases <--

11 when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in

12 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Assisted outpatient treatment." Community-based outpatient  
14 social, medical and behavioral health treatment services ordered  
15 by a court for a severely mentally disabled person, which  
16 services may include, but need not be limited to:

17 (1) Community psychiatric supportive treatment.

18 (2) Assertive community treatment.

19 (3) Medications.

20 (4) Individual or group therapy.

21 (5) Peer support services.

22 (6) Financial services.

23 (7) Housing or supervised living services.

24 (8) Alcohol or substance abuse treatments when the treatment  
25 is a co-occurring condition for a person with a primary  
26 diagnosis of mental health illness.

27 (9) Any other service prescribed to treat the person's  
28 mental illness that either assists the person in living and  
29 functioning in the community or helps to prevent a relapse or a  
30 deterioration of the person's condition that would be likely to

1 result in a substantial risk of serious harm to the person or  
2 others.

3 "Facility." A mental health establishment, hospital, clinic,  
4 institution, center, day care center, base service unit,  
5 community mental health center, or part thereof, that provides  
6 for the diagnosis, treatment, care or rehabilitation of mentally  
7 ill persons, whether as outpatients or inpatients.

8 "Inpatient treatment." All treatment that requires full or  
9 part-time residence in a facility.

10 "Qualified professional." A physician, licensed  
11 psychologist, prescribing psychologist, certified nurse  
12 practitioner, clinical nurse specialist with a specialty in  
13 mental health or a physician assistant with a specialty in  
14 mental health, or other mental health professional who by years  
15 of education, training and experience in mental health settings  
16 has:

17 (1) achieved professional recognition and standing as  
18 defined by their respective discipline, including, but not  
19 limited to, medicine, social work, psychology, nursing,  
20 occupational therapy, recreational therapy and vocational  
21 rehabilitation; and

22 (2) obtained, if applicable, licensure, registration or  
23 certification.

24 Section 3. Section 107 of the act is amended to read:

25 Section 107. Individualized Treatment Plan.--(a)  
26 Individualized treatment plan means a plan of treatment  
27 formulated for a particular person in a program appropriate to  
28 his specific needs, including an assisted outpatient treatment  
29 plan under subsection (b). To the extent possible, the plan  
30 shall be made with the cooperation, understanding and consent of

1 the person in treatment, and shall impose the least restrictive  
2 alternative consistent with affording the person adequate  
3 treatment for his condition.

4 (b) Assisted outpatient treatment plan means an  
5 individualized treatment plan developed by the treatment team  
6 that is ordered by a court for involuntary outpatient civil  
7 commitment of a person. The treatment plan shall contain the  
8 reasonable objectives and goals for a person determined to be in  
9 need of assisted outpatient treatment. In addition to the  
10 requirements of subsection (a), the treatment plan shall  
11 include:

12 (1) The delineation of specific assisted outpatient  
13 treatment services to be provided based on the person's specific  
14 needs.

15 (2) The delineation of the providers that agree to provide  
16 assisted outpatient treatment services to the person.

17 (3) The documentation of how the person was involved in the  
18 initial development of the treatment plan and the process for  
19 involving the person in ongoing evaluation and, if appropriate,  
20 modifications to the treatment plan.

21 Section 4. Section 301(a) of the act is amended and the  
22 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

23 Section 301. Persons Who May be Subject to Involuntary  
24 Emergency Examination and Treatment.--(a) Persons Subject.--  
25 Whenever a person is severely mentally disabled and in need of  
26 immediate treatment, he may be made subject to involuntary  
27 emergency examination and treatment. A person is severely  
28 mentally disabled when, as a result of mental illness, his  
29 capacity to exercise self-control, judgment and discretion in  
30 the conduct of his affairs and social relations or to care for

1 his own personal needs is so lessened that he poses a clear and  
2 present danger of harm to others or to himself, or the person is  
3 determined to be in need of assisted outpatient treatment as  
4 defined in subsection (c).

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6 (c) Determination of Need for Assisted Outpatient

7 Treatment.--(1) The need for assisted outpatient treatment  
8 shall be shown by establishing by clear and convincing evidence  
9 that the person would benefit from assisted outpatient treatment  
10 as manifested by evidence of behavior that indicates all of the  
11 following:

12 (i) The person is unlikely to survive safely in the  
13 community without supervision, based on a clinical  
14 determination.

15 (ii) The person has a history of lack of voluntary adherence  
16 to treatment for mental illness and one of the following  
17 applies:

18 (A) At least twice within the 36 months prior to the filing  
19 of a petition seeking assisted outpatient treatment, the  
20 person's failure to adhere to treatment has been a significant  
21 factor in necessitating INVOLUNTARY inpatient hospitalization or <--  
22 receipt of services in a forensic or other mental health unit of  
23 a correctional facility, provided that the 36-month period shall  
24 be extended by the length of any hospitalization or  
25 incarceration of the person in a correctional institution that  
26 occurred within the 36-month period.

27 (B) Within the 48 months prior to the filing of a petition  
28 seeking court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment, the  
29 person's failure to adhere to treatment resulted in one or more  
30 acts of serious violent behavior toward others or himself or

1 threats of, or attempts at, serious physical harm to others or  
2 himself, provided that the 48-month period shall be extended by  
3 the length of any hospitalization or incarceration of the person  
4 in a correctional institution that occurred within the 48-month  
5 period.

6 (iii) The person, as a result of the person's mental  
7 illness, is unlikely to voluntarily participate in necessary  
8 treatment.

9 (iv) Based on the person's treatment history and current  
10 behavior, the person is in need of treatment in order to prevent  
11 a relapse or deterioration that would be likely to result in  
12 substantial risk of serious harm to the others or himself.

13 (2) An individual who meets only the criteria described in  
14 clause (1) shall not be subject to involuntary inpatient  
15 hospitalization unless a separate determination is made that the  
16 individual poses a clear and present danger in accordance with  
17 subsection (b).

18 Section 5. Section 303(c) (1) of the act is amended to read:

19 Section 303. Extended Involuntary Emergency Treatment  
20 Certified by a Judge or Mental Health Review Officer - Not to  
21 Exceed Twenty Days.--\* \* \*

22 (c) Informal Conference on Extended Emergency Treatment  
23 Application.--(1) At the commencement of the informal  
24 conference, the judge or the mental health review officer shall  
25 inform the person of the nature of the proceedings. Information  
26 relevant to whether the person is severely mentally disabled and  
27 in need of treatment shall be reviewed, including the reasons  
28 that continued involuntary treatment is considered necessary.  
29 Such explanation shall be made by a physician who examined the  
30 person and shall be in terms understandable to a layman. The

1 judge or mental health review officer may review any relevant  
2 information even if it would be normally excluded under rules of  
3 evidence if he believes that such information is reliable. The  
4 person or his representative shall have the right to ask  
5 questions of the physician and of any other witnesses and to  
6 present any relevant information. At the conclusion of the  
7 review, if the judge or the review officer finds that the person  
8 is severely mentally disabled and in need of continued  
9 involuntary treatment, either as an inpatient or through less  
10 restrictive assisted outpatient treatment, he shall so certify.  
11 Otherwise, he shall direct that the facility director or his  
12 designee discharge the person.

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14 Section 6. Section 304(a), (e), (f) and (g) of the act are  
15 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to  
16 read:

17 Section 304. Court-ordered Involuntary Treatment Not to  
18 Exceed Ninety Days.--(a) Persons for Whom Application May be  
19 Made.--(1) A person who is severely mentally disabled and in  
20 need of treatment, as defined in section 301(a), may be made  
21 subject to court-ordered involuntary treatment upon a  
22 determination of clear and present danger under section 301(b)  
23 (1) (serious bodily harm to others), or section 301(b) (2) (i)  
24 (inability to care for himself, creating a danger of death or  
25 serious harm to himself), or 301(b) (2) (ii) (attempted suicide),  
26 or 301(b) (2) (iii) (self-mutilation), or upon determination that  
27 a person meets the requirements under section 301(c)  
28 (determination of need for assisted outpatient treatment).

29 (2) Where a petition is filed for a person already subject  
30 to involuntary treatment, it shall be sufficient to represent,

1 and upon hearing to reestablish, that the conduct originally  
2 required by section [301] 301(b) in fact occurred, and that his  
3 condition continues to evidence a clear and present danger to  
4 himself or others, or that the conduct originally required by  
5 section 301(c) in fact occurred and that his condition continues  
6 to evidence a need for assisted outpatient treatment. In such  
7 event, it shall not be necessary to show the reoccurrence of  
8 dangerous conduct, either harmful or debilitating, within the  
9 past 30 days.

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11 (c.1) Procedures for Initiating Assisted Outpatient  
12 Treatment for Persons Already Subject to Involuntary  
13 Treatment.--(1) Petition for assisted outpatient treatment for  
14 persons already subject to involuntary treatment under section  
15 301(b)(1) or (2), or persons with mental illness subject to  
16 treatment in a forensic facility or a correctional institution  
17 who are ready for release may be made by the county  
18 administrator or the director of the facility to the court of  
19 common pleas.

20 (2) The petition shall be in writing upon a form adopted by  
21 the department and include a statement of the facts constituting  
22 reasonable grounds to believe that the person is:

23 (i) No longer determined to be in need of involuntary  
24 inpatient treatment under section 301(b)(1) or (2), or no longer  
25 subject to treatment in a forensic facility or correctional  
26 institution.

27 (ii) Determined to be in need of assisted outpatient  
28 treatment under section 301(c).

29 (3) The petition shall state the name of any examining  
30 physician and the substance of his opinion regarding the mental

1 condition of the person. It shall also state that the person has  
2 been given the information required by subsection (b)(3).

3 (4) Upon the filing of the petition, the county  
4 administrator shall serve a copy on the person, his attorney and  
5 those designated to be kept informed, as provided in section  
6 302(c), including an explanation of the nature of the  
7 proceedings, the person's right to an attorney and the services  
8 of an expert in the field of mental health, as provided by  
9 subsection (d).

10 (5) A hearing on the petition shall be held in all cases not  
11 more than five days after the filing of the petition.

12 (6) Treatment shall be permitted to be maintained pending  
13 the determination of the petition.

14 (c.2) Procedures for Initiating Assisted Outpatient  
15 Treatment for Persons not in Involuntary Treatment.--(1) Any  
16 responsible party may file a petition in the court of common  
17 pleas requesting assisted outpatient treatment for any person  
18 determined under section 301(c) to be in need of assisted  
19 outpatient treatment, and who is not already in involuntary  
20 treatment, and who is not already in assisted outpatient  
21 treatment for whom application could be made under subsection  
22 (a).

23 (2) The petition shall be in writing upon a form adopted by  
24 the department and shall set forth facts constituting reasonable  
25 grounds to believe that the person is within the criteria as  
26 defined under section 301(c) for a person in need of assisted  
27 outpatient treatment. The petition shall state the name of any  
28 examining physician and shall be accompanied by a statement of a  
29 psychiatrist, or a statement signed by a clinical psychologist  
30 and a statement signed by a physician, stating that the person

1 who issued the petition has examined the person and is of the  
2 opinion that the person is in need of assisted outpatient  
3 treatment, or shall be accompanied by a written statement by the  
4 applicant, under oath, that the person has refused to submit to  
5 an examination by a psychiatrist, or by a clinical psychologist  
6 and physician.

7 (3) Upon a determination that the petition sets forth  
8 reasonable cause, the court shall appoint an attorney to  
9 represent the person and set a date for the hearing as soon as  
10 practicable. The attorney shall represent the person unless it  
11 shall appear that he can afford, and desires to have, private  
12 representation.

13 (4) The court, by summons, shall direct the person to appear  
14 for a hearing. The court may issue a warrant directing an  
15 individual authorized by the county administrator or a peace  
16 officer to bring such person before the court at the time of the  
17 hearing if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the  
18 person will not appear voluntarily. A copy of the petition shall  
19 be served on such person at least three days before the hearing  
20 together with a notice advising him that an attorney has been  
21 appointed who shall represent him unless he obtains an attorney  
22 himself, that he has a right to be assisted in the proceedings  
23 by an expert in the field of mental health and that he may  
24 request or be made subject to psychiatric examination under  
25 clause (5).

26 (5) Upon motion of either the petitioner or the person, or  
27 upon its own motion, the court may order the person to be  
28 examined by a psychiatrist appointed by the court. Such  
29 examination shall be conducted on an outpatient basis and the  
30 person shall have the right to have counsel present. A report of

1 the examination shall be given to the court and counsel at least  
2 48 hours prior to the hearing.

3 (6) Involuntary treatment shall not be authorized during the  
4 pendency of a petition except in accordance with sections 302  
5 and 303.

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7 (e) Hearings on Petition for Court-ordered Involuntary  
8 Treatment.--A hearing on a petition for court-ordered  
9 involuntary treatment shall be conducted according to the  
10 following:

11 (1) The person shall have the right to counsel and to the  
12 assistance of an expert in mental health.

13 (2) The person shall not be called as a witness without his  
14 consent.

15 (3) The person shall have the right to confront and cross-  
16 examine all witnesses and to present evidence in his own behalf.

17 (4) The hearing shall be public unless it is requested to be  
18 private by the person or his counsel.

19 (5) A stenographic or other sufficient record shall be made,  
20 which shall be impounded by the court and may be obtained or  
21 examined only upon the request of the person or his counsel or  
22 by order of the court on good cause shown.

23 (6) The hearing shall be conducted by a judge or by a mental  
24 health review officer and may be held at a location other than a  
25 courthouse when doing so appears to be in the best interest of  
26 the person.

27 (7) A decision shall be rendered within 48 hours after the  
28 close of evidence.

29 (8) If the person is believed to be in need of assisted  
30 outpatient treatment in accordance with section 301(c), a

1 hearing on the petition shall be conducted in accordance with  
2 the following:

3 (i) No later than the date of the hearing, a qualified  
4 professional shall provide a written proposed assisted  
5 outpatient treatment plan to the court. The plan shall state all  
6 treatment services recommended for the person and, for each  
7 service, shall specify a provider that has agreed to provide the  
8 service.

9 (ii) In developing a written proposed assisted outpatient  
10 treatment plan, the qualified professional shall take into  
11 account, if existing, an advance directive for mental health  
12 treatment and provide the following persons with an opportunity  
13 to participate:

14 (A) the person believed to be in need of court-ordered  
15 assistant outpatient treatment;

16 (B) all current treating providers;

17 (C) upon the request of the person believed to be in need of  
18 court-ordered assistant outpatient treatment, an individual  
19 significant to the person, including any relative, close friend  
20 or individual otherwise concerned with the welfare of the  
21 person; and

22 (D) any authorized guardian or other surrogate decision-  
23 maker.

24 (iii) The written proposed assisted outpatient treatment  
25 plan shall include case management services or an assertive  
26 community treatment team to provide care coordination and  
27 assisted outpatient treatment services recommended by the  
28 qualified professional. If the plan includes medication, it  
29 shall state whether such medication should be self-administered  
30 or administered by a specified provider and shall specify type

1 and dosage range of medication. In no event shall the plan  
2 recommend the use of physical force or restraints to administer  
3 medication to the person.

4 (iv) A qualified professional, who has personally examined  
5 the person within ten days of the filing of the petition, shall  
6 provide testimony in support of the finding that the person  
7 meets all of the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment and  
8 in support of a written proposed treatment plan developed  
9 pursuant to this section including:

10 (A) the recommended assisted outpatient treatment, the  
11 rationale for the recommended assisted outpatient treatment and  
12 the facts that establish that such treatment is the least  
13 restrictive appropriate alternative;

14 (B) information regarding the person's access to, and the  
15 availability of, recommended assisted outpatient treatment in  
16 the community or elsewhere; and

17 (C) if the recommended assisted outpatient treatment  
18 includes medication, the types or classes of medication that  
19 should be authorized, the beneficial and detrimental physical  
20 and mental effects of such medication and whether such  
21 medication should be self-administered or administered by a  
22 specified provider, and the ongoing process for management of  
23 such medications in response to changes in the person's medical  
24 condition.

25 (9) A decision shall be rendered within 48 hours after the  
26 close of evidence.

27 (f) Determination and Order.--(1) Upon a finding by clear  
28 and convincing evidence that the person is severely mentally  
29 disabled and in need of treatment and subject to subsection (a),  
30 an order shall be entered directing treatment of the person in

1 an approved facility as an inpatient or an outpatient, or a  
2 combination of such treatment as the director of the facility  
3 shall from time to time determine. Inpatient treatment shall be  
4 deemed appropriate only after full consideration has been given  
5 to less restrictive alternatives, including assisted outpatient  
6 treatment. Investigation of treatment alternatives shall include  
7 consideration of the person's relationship to his community and  
8 family, his employment possibilities, all available community  
9 resources, and guardianship services. An order for inpatient  
10 treatment shall include findings on this issue.

11 (2) If the person is found to be in need of assisted  
12 outpatient treatment in accordance with section 301(c) or as a  
13 result of consideration of less restrictive settings under  
14 clause (1), the court shall order the person to receive assisted  
15 outpatient treatment for a period not to exceed 90 days from any  
16 provider or facility approved by the department or the county  
17 administrator for purposes of providing assisted outpatient  
18 treatment, provided that a jail or any other State or county  
19 correctional institution shall not be an authorized facility.

20 (3) The facility or provider shall examine and treat the  
21 person in accordance with the assisted outpatient treatment  
22 plan. If the person is receiving assisted outpatient treatment,  
23 or receives treatment in an outpatient setting during a  
24 subsequent period of continued commitment under section 305, the  
25 facility or provider to whom the person is ordered shall  
26 determine the appropriate assisted outpatient treatment plan for  
27 the person.

28 (4) If the approved court-ordered assisted outpatient  
29 treatment plan includes medications, the court order shall  
30 authorize the treatment team, in accordance with their

1 professional judgment, to perform routine medication management,  
2 including adjustment of specific medications and doses, in  
3 consultation with the person and as warranted by changes in the  
4 person's medical condition.

5 (5) The provider or facility responsible for the assisted  
6 outpatient treatment plan shall inform the court if the person  
7 fails materially to adhere to the treatment plan and comply with  
8 the court order. If the court receives information that a  
9 patient is not complying with the court's order, the court may  
10 take any of the following actions:

11 (i) set a modification hearing to assess the person's  
12 failure to adhere to the assisted outpatient treatment plan;

13 (ii) amend the assisted outpatient treatment plan to foster  
14 adherence to necessary treatment by the person; or

15 (iii) issue an order for temporary detention if a petition  
16 is filed under subsection (b), provided that a State or county  
17 correctional institution may not be considered an authorized  
18 treatment facility.

19 (6) If the court determines under clause (5) that the person  
20 has failed to adhere to the assisted outpatient treatment plan,  
21 the court may not hold that person in contempt or otherwise  
22 sanction the person solely based on the failure to comply with  
23 the assisted outpatient treatment plan.

24 (7) THE PERSON SUBJECT TO ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT MAY <--  
25 PETITION THE COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF A SERVICE SPECIFICALLY  
26 CONTAINED IN THAT PERSON'S INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLAN,  
27 PROVIDED THAT THE PETITION MUST INCLUDE CLEAR AND CONVINCING  
28 EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING THAT THE SERVICE IS NOT BEING PROVIDED IN  
29 ACCORDANCE WITH THAT PLAN.

30 (g) Duration of Court-ordered Involuntary Treatment.--(1) A

1 person may be made subject to court-ordered involuntary  
2 treatment under this section for a period not to exceed 90 days,  
3 excepting only that: Persons may be made subject to court-  
4 ordered involuntary treatment under this section for a period  
5 not to exceed one year if:

6 (i) the person meets the criteria established by clause (2)  
7 [.]; and

8 (ii) the person may be subject to assisted outpatient  
9 treatment for a period not to exceed 180 days if the person  
10 meets the criteria established by clause (5).

11 (2) A person may be subject to court-ordered involuntary  
12 treatment for a period not to exceed one year if:

13 (i) severe mental disability is based on acts giving rise to  
14 the following charges under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code: murder  
15 (§ 2502); voluntary manslaughter (§ 2503); aggravated assault (§  
16 2702); kidnapping (§ 2901); rape (§ 3121(1) and (2));  
17 involuntary deviate sexual intercourse (§ 3123(1) and (2));  
18 arson (§ 3301); and

19 (ii) a finding of incompetency to be tried or a verdict of  
20 acquittal because of lack of criminal responsibility has been  
21 entered.

22 (3) If at any time the director of a facility concludes that  
23 the person is not severely mentally disabled or in need of  
24 treatment pursuant to subsection (a), he shall discharge the  
25 person provided that no person subjected to involuntary  
26 treatment pursuant to clause (2) may be discharged without a  
27 hearing conducted pursuant to clause (4).

28 (4) In cases involving involuntary treatment pursuant to  
29 clause (2), whenever the period of court-ordered involuntary  
30 treatment is about to expire and neither the director nor the

1 county administrator intends to apply for an additional period  
2 of court-ordered involuntary treatment pursuant to section 305  
3 or at any time the director concludes that the person is not  
4 severely mentally disabled or in need of treatment, the director  
5 shall petition the court which ordered the involuntary treatment  
6 for the unconditional or conditional release of the person.  
7 Notice of such petition shall be given to the person, the county  
8 administrator and the district attorney. Within 15 days after  
9 the petition has been filed, the court shall hold a hearing to  
10 determine if the person is severely mentally disabled and in  
11 need of treatment. Petitions which must be filed simply because  
12 the period of involuntary treatment will expire shall be filed  
13 at least ten days prior to the expiration of the court-ordered  
14 period of involuntary treatment. If the court determines after  
15 hearing that the person is severely mentally disabled and in  
16 need of treatment, it may order additional involuntary treatment  
17 not to exceed one year; if the court does not so determine, it  
18 shall order the discharge of the person.

19 (5) A person may be subject to assisted outpatient treatment  
20 for a period of up to 180 days if the person continues to meet  
21 the requirements of section 301(c) or is being discharged from  
22 involuntary inpatient treatment under this article.

23 Section 7. Section 305 of the act is amended by adding a  
24 subsection to read:

25 Section 305. Additional Periods of Court-ordered Involuntary  
26 Treatment.--\* \* \*

27 (c) At the expiration of a period of assisted outpatient  
28 treatment under section 304(g) or this section, the court may  
29 order treatment for an additional period upon the application of  
30 the county administrator or the treatment team. Such order shall

1 be entered upon hearing on findings as required by sections  
2 304(a) and (b), and the further finding of a need for continuing  
3 assisted outpatient treatment. The additional period of  
4 involuntary treatment shall not exceed 180 days.

5 Section 8. This act shall take effect in 90 days.