

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE SECURE TREATMENT FACILITY ACT; AMENDING TITLE 66, IDAHO  
2 CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 14, TITLE 66, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-  
3 VIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE  
4 CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO A CERTAIN FACILITY, TO PROVIDE FOR  
5 ADMISSION TO AND DISCHARGE FROM THE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH RIGHTS OF  
6 THOSE ADMITTED TO THE FACILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN TREATMENT; AND  
7 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Title 66, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
11 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
12 ter 14, Title 66, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

13 CHAPTER 14

14 SECURE TREATMENT FACILITY ACT

15 66-1401. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as  
16 the "Secure Treatment Facility Act."

17 66-1402. AUTHORITY. (1) The department of health and welfare shall  
18 have the power to establish, operate and maintain a secure treatment facil-  
19 ity for persons with an intellectual or developmental disability who pose a  
20 substantial threat to the safety of others. These individuals may also have  
21 co-occurring mental illness requiring diagnostic services and treatment in  
22 a secure facility. The facility shall be identifiably separate from other  
23 facilities managed by the department of health and welfare for persons with  
24 an intellectual or a developmental disability. The provisions of this chap-  
25 ter shall be liberally construed to accomplish these purposes.

26 (2) The director of the department of health and welfare or the direc-  
27 tor's designee shall have the authority to make rules for the governance of  
28 the facility and program consistent with this chapter.

29 (3) The final decision regarding the admission or discharge of patients  
30 to or from the facility shall rest with the director or the director's de-  
31 signee.

32 (4) The department of health and welfare division of licensing and cer-  
33 tification will develop a license and survey process for the facility.

34 66-1403. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

35 (1) "Administrator" means the administrator of the secure treatment  
36 facility.

37 (2) "Adult" means an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older.

38 (3) "Department" means the Idaho department of health and welfare.

1 (4) "Developmental disability" means a developmental disability as de-  
 2 fined in section 66-402, Idaho Code, or an intellectual disability as de-  
 3 fined in section 73-114, Idaho Code.

4 (5) "Director" means the director of the department.

5 (6) "Facility" or "secure treatment facility" means the facility to be  
 6 operated by the department to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. The fa-  
 7 cility shall, at a minimum, include:

8 (a) Locked, fenced and enclosed grounds accessible only to patients,  
 9 staff and authorized individuals;

10 (b) Locked residential units;

11 (c) Bedroom and building exit alarms;

12 (d) Monitoring cameras in all common areas;

13 (e) Modified interiors to reduce risk of suicide; and

14 (f) Restricted access to items that could be used as weapons.

15 (7) "Patient" means an individual admitted by the director or the di-  
 16 rector's designee to the secure treatment facility.

17 (8) "Proposed patient" means an individual subject to judicial pro-  
 18 ceedings authorized by the provisions of this chapter who is being consid-  
 19 ered for admission into the secure treatment facility.

20 (9) "Respondent" means an individual subject to judicial proceedings  
 21 authorized by the provisions of this chapter.

22 (10) "Substantial threat to the safety of others" means the presenta-  
 23 tion, by a respondent, of a substantial risk to physically harm other per-  
 24 sons, as manifested by evidence of violent behavior.

25 66-1404. CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION. To be admitted to the facility, a  
 26 proposed patient must:

27 (1) Have a developmental disability as determined by the department;

28 (2) Be an adult;

29 (3) Meet one (1) of the following grounds:

30 (a) The respondent is being criminally adjudicated and is undergoing  
 31 evaluation for competency to stand trial in conformance with chapter 2,  
 32 title 18, Idaho Code;

33 (b) The respondent is being criminally adjudicated and is committed to  
 34 the department for treatment to restore competency in conformance with  
 35 chapter 2, title 18, Idaho Code; or

36 (c) The respondent is civilly committed to the custody of the depart-  
 37 ment in conformance with chapter 4, title 66, Idaho Code; and

38 (4) Be found, by a court, to present a substantial threat to the safety  
 39 of others if not evaluated or treated in a secure facility, and be subject  
 40 of an order from such court that the respondent may be confined to a secure  
 41 treatment facility. Such a judicial finding and order constitute continuing  
 42 authorization for the director or the director's designee to admit a respon-  
 43 dent to the facility.

44 66-1405. ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE. (1) Admission. Admission shall  
 45 be determined by the director or the director's designee. In considering  
 46 whether a proposed patient should be admitted to the facility, the director  
 47 or the director's designee may consider any relevant factor including, but  
 48 not limited to, the following:

1 (a) Whether less restrictive alternatives, including services pro-  
2 vided in community residential facilities or other community settings  
3 that would offer an opportunity for improvement of the condition, have  
4 been judged to be inappropriate;

5 (b) Whether admission of the proposed patient would cause overcrowding  
6 of the facility; and

7 (c) Whether the facility is unable to provide appropriate care or  
8 treatment for the proposed patient.

9 (2) Transportation. Upon admission, the patient shall be transported  
10 to the facility in conformance with chapter 2, title 18, Idaho Code, or chap-  
11 ter 4, title 66, Idaho Code.

12 (3) Redisposition and notice.

13 (a) After admission to the facility, the director or the director's  
14 designee may redisposition the patient to a less-restrictive facility.  
15 If the patient was committed to the department under title 18, Idaho  
16 Code, notice of change of disposition shall be filed with the committing  
17 court. If the patient was committed to the department under title 66,  
18 Idaho Code, notice of change in disposition shall be given in accordance  
19 with section 66-407, Idaho Code.

20 (b) If the director or the director's designee has dispositioned a pa-  
21 tient to a less-restrictive facility and later admits the patient to the  
22 secure treatment facility, the patient may appeal the admission to the  
23 committing court within thirty (30) days' notice of the change in dispo-  
24 sition. The court shall consider:

25 (i) Whether the patient continues to present a substantial threat  
26 to the safety of others if not evaluated or treated in a secure fa-  
27 cility; and

28 (ii) Whether its order that the patient may be confined to a secure  
29 treatment facility continues to be appropriate.

30 (4) Discharge. If the patient no longer meets the program criteria as  
31 provided in this chapter, the director or the director's designee shall dis-  
32 charge the patient from the facility. The director or the director's de-  
33 signee may discharge the patient from the commitment as allowed by law or  
34 redisposition the patient to a less-restrictive setting. If the patient is  
35 discharged from commitment, notice shall be given as allowed by law autho-  
36 rizing the commitment. The director or the director's designee shall review  
37 the patient's progress every ninety (90) days to determine whether the pa-  
38 tient continues to meet the program criteria.

39 66-1406. RIGHTS OF PATIENTS. (1) All patients shall be accorded those  
40 civil rights provided by chapter 4, title 66, Idaho Code, with the exception  
41 of:

42 (a) Those aspects that are limited by order of the court;

43 (b) Paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of section 66-412(3), Idaho Code, as  
44 designated by the facility treatment team in a treatment plan developed  
45 in accordance with section 66-413, Idaho Code; provided however, that  
46 every patient shall continue to have the right to be visited by the pa-  
47 tient's attorney or a representative of the state protection and advoca-  
48 cacy system; and

1 (c) The use of mechanical restraints during the transportation to or  
2 from any facility, which use must be in compliance with section 66-345,  
3 Idaho Code.

4 (2) The patients shall be entitled to be diagnosed, cared for and  
5 treated in a manner consistent with their legal rights and in a manner no  
6 more restrictive than necessary for their protection and the protection of  
7 others for a period no longer than reasonably necessary for diagnosis, care,  
8 treatment and protection.

9 66-1407. TREATMENT. (1) The director or the director's designee shall  
10 have the power to develop appropriate standards and rules for treatment of  
11 patients. It shall be the responsibility of the director or the director's  
12 designee to implement those standards.

13 (2) The relative risks and benefits of specific modes of treatment  
14 contained in such plans shall be explained to each patient or the spouse,  
15 guardian, adult next-of-kin or friend of the patient, to the extent allow-  
16 able by law.

17 (3) The ability of a patient to make informed decisions as to treatment  
18 will be made in accordance with a patient's commitment to the department as  
19 provided in chapter 2, title 18, Idaho Code, or chapter 4, title 66, Idaho  
20 Code.

21 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
22 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
23 passage and approval.