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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 23, 2018

AN ACT

1 Providing for a ~~psychiatric and~~ detoxification bed registry. <--

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 ~~Section 1. Short title.~~ <--

5 ~~This act shall be known and may be cited as the Psychiatric~~  
6 ~~and Detoxification Bed Registry Act.~~

7 ~~Section 2. Definitions.~~

8 ~~The following words and phrases when used in this act shall~~  
9 ~~have the meanings given to them in this section unless the~~  
10 ~~context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

11 ~~"Bed registry." The psychiatric and detoxification bed~~  
12 ~~registry established under this act.~~

13 ~~"Department." The Department of Human Services of the~~  
14 ~~Commonwealth.~~

15 ~~"Facility." An inpatient psychiatric hospital licensed to~~  
16 ~~provide acute care.~~

1       ~~"Licensed provider." A hospital based detoxification or~~  
2 ~~rehabilitation treatment program licensed to provide care for~~  
3 ~~substance use disorder or a licensed nonhospital residential~~  
4 ~~detoxification facility.~~

5 ~~Section 3. Registry.~~

6       ~~(a) Development. The department shall develop and~~  
7 ~~administer an Internet based psychiatric and detoxification bed~~  
8 ~~registry to collect, aggregate and display information about~~  
9 ~~available beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric~~  
10 ~~facilities and licensed detoxification and rehabilitation~~  
11 ~~facilities for the treatment of individuals in need of inpatient~~  
12 ~~psychiatric hospitalization or detoxification.~~

13       ~~(b) Contents. The bed registry shall include, but not be~~  
14 ~~limited to, the following:~~

15           ~~(1) Descriptive information for facilities and licensed~~  
16 ~~providers in this Commonwealth, including contact information~~  
17 ~~for the facilities and licensed providers.~~

18           ~~(2) Real time information regarding the number of beds~~  
19 ~~available at a facility or licensed provider and, for each~~  
20 ~~available bed, the type of patient that may be admitted, the~~  
21 ~~level of security provided and other information that may be~~  
22 ~~necessary to allow for the identification of appropriate~~  
23 ~~facilities and licensed providers for the treatment of~~  
24 ~~individuals in need of psychiatric care or detoxification.~~

25           ~~(3) A search function to identify available beds that~~  
26 ~~are appropriate for the treatment of individuals experiencing~~  
27 ~~a mental health or substance abuse emergency.~~

28       ~~(c) Participation requirement. A facility and licensed~~  
29 ~~provider shall participate in the bed registry established under~~  
30 ~~this act and shall designate an employee to submit information~~

1 ~~for inclusion in the bed registry. The designated employee shall~~  
2 ~~serve as a point of contact for addressing requests for~~  
3 ~~information related to data reported to the bed registry. The~~  
4 ~~information reported to the bed registry shall be updated daily.~~

5 ~~(d) Facility requirements. In order to be eligible to~~  
6 ~~access the registry, a facility or licensed provider must:~~

7 ~~(1) submit information specified under subsection (b) to~~  
8 ~~the bed registry, including providing daily real time~~  
9 ~~information under subsection (b); or~~

10 ~~(2) arrange for the facility's or licensed provider's~~  
11 ~~contact information to be monitored and accessed at any time~~  
12 ~~in accordance with the department's regulations promulgated~~  
13 ~~under section 4.~~

14 ~~(e) Private contracting. The department may enter into a~~  
15 ~~contract with a private entity for the development and~~  
16 ~~administration of the bed registry.~~

17 ~~Section 4. Regulations.~~

18 ~~The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to~~  
19 ~~implement this act.~~

20 ~~Section 5. Effective date.~~

21 ~~This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

22 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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23 THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE  
24 DETOXIFICATION BED REGISTRY ACT.

25 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

26 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL  
27 HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
28 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

29 "BED REGISTRY." THE DETOXIFICATION BED REGISTRY ESTABLISHED  
30 UNDER THIS ACT.

1 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS OF  
2 THE COMMONWEALTH.

3 "LICENSED PROVIDER." A HOSPITAL-BASED DETOXIFICATION OR  
4 REHABILITATION TREATMENT PROGRAM LICENSED TO PROVIDE CARE FOR  
5 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OR A LICENSED NONHOSPITAL RESIDENTIAL  
6 DETOXIFICATION FACILITY.

7 SECTION 3. REGISTRY.

8 (A) DEVELOPMENT.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND  
9 ADMINISTER AN INTERNET-BASED DETOXIFICATION BED REGISTRY TO  
10 COLLECT, AGGREGATE AND DISPLAY INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE BEDS  
11 AT A LICENSED PROVIDER'S DETOXIFICATION AND REHABILITATION  
12 FACILITY FOR THE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF  
13 DETOXIFICATION.

14 (B) CONTENTS.--THE BED REGISTRY SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
15 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

16 (1) DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FOR LICENSED PROVIDERS IN  
17 THIS COMMONWEALTH, INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH  
18 LICENSED PROVIDER.

19 (2) REAL-TIME INFORMATION UPDATED AT LEAST DAILY  
20 REGARDING THE NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE AT A LICENSED  
21 PROVIDER'S DETOXIFICATION AND REHABILITATION FACILITY AND,  
22 FOR EACH AVAILABLE BED, THE TYPE OF PATIENT THAT MAY BE  
23 ADMITTED, THE LEVEL OF SECURITY PROVIDED AND OTHER  
24 INFORMATION THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR THE  
25 IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE LICENSED PROVIDERS FOR THE  
26 TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF DETOXIFICATION.

27 (3) A SEARCH FUNCTION TO IDENTIFY AVAILABLE BEDS THAT  
28 ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING  
29 A SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY.

30 (C) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.--A LICENSED PROVIDER SHALL

1 PARTICIPATE IN THE BED REGISTRY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT AND  
2 SHALL DESIGNATE AN EMPLOYEE TO REPORT INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION  
3 IN THE BED REGISTRY. THE DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE SHALL SERVE AS A  
4 POINT OF CONTACT FOR ADDRESSING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RELATED  
5 TO DATA REPORTED TO THE BED REGISTRY. THE DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE  
6 SHALL UPDATE DAILY THE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE BED REGISTRY.

7 (D) LICENSED PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS.--IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE  
8 TO ACCESS THE REGISTRY, A LICENSED PROVIDER MUST:

9 (1) SUBMIT THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION  
10 (B) TO THE BED REGISTRY, INCLUDING PROVIDING DAILY REAL-TIME  
11 INFORMATION; OR

12 (2) ARRANGE FOR THE LICENSED PROVIDER'S CONTACT  
13 INFORMATION TO BE MONITORED AND ACCESSED AT ANY TIME IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULATIONS PROMULGATED  
15 UNDER SECTION 4.

16 (E) PRIVATE CONTRACTING.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO A  
17 CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
18 ADMINISTRATION OF THE BED REGISTRY.

19 SECTION 4. REGULATIONS.

20 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO  
21 IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

22 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

23 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.