

CHAPTER 37

EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION OF MENTALLY ILL PERSONS

S.F. 201

AN ACT relating to the findings of an examining physician assistant for a person believed to be seriously mentally impaired in an emergency situation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 229.22, subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (4), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(4) If the examining physician, examining physician assistant, or examining psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner finds that there is reason to believe that the person is seriously mentally impaired, and because of that impairment is likely to physically injure the person's self or others if not immediately detained, the examining physician, examining physician assistant, or examining psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner shall at once communicate with the nearest available magistrate as defined in section 801.4, subsection 10. ~~For purposes of this subparagraph, the findings of the examining physician assistant must be approved by the examining physician assistant's supervising physician before the examining physician assistant communicates with the nearest available magistrate.~~

Approved April 17, 2015