

**229.5 Departure without notice.**

If a voluntary patient departs from the hospital without notice, and in the opinion of the chief medical officer the patient is seriously mentally impaired, the chief medical officer may file an application on the departed voluntary patient pursuant to [section 229.6](#), and request that an order for immediate custody be entered by the court pursuant to [section 229.11](#).

[C77, 79, 81, §229.5]

[2013 Acts, ch 130, §42](#)