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HOUSE FILE 2361

BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(Formerly House File 2076)

Passed House, Date 3-4-82 (p. 665) Passed Senate, Date 4-2-82 (p. 1002)
Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0
Approved April 19, 1982

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the access of a spouse to the medical
2 records of a mental health patient.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 229.25, Code 1981, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. During a consultation with a spouse of
4 a voluntary or involuntary patient which the hospital or
5 facility shall arrange if requested by a spouse who is legally
6 liable for the support of the patient.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill requires the chief medical officer of a state
9 mental health institute, hospital, or other mental health
10 facility to release appropriate medical information to a
11 patient's spouse if the spouse requests consultation and is
12 legally liable for the support of the patient.

13 The bill would become law July 1 following its enactment.

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H-5202

- 1 Amend House File 2361 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 5 and 6 and inserting
- 3 in lieu thereof the words "facility shall arrange
- 4 if requested by a spouse, unless the spouses are under
- 5 an order for separate maintenance."

H-5202 FILED FEBRUARY 22, 1982

BY SPEAR of Lee

Placed out of order 3/1 (p. 664)

HOUSE FILE 2361

H-5313

- 1 Amend House File 2361 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 2 through 6 and
- 3 inserting in lieu thereof the following: "the following
- 4 new unnumbered paragraph:
- 5 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The chief medical officer
- 6 may release appropriate information during a consultation
- 7 with a spouse of a voluntary or involuntary patient which
- 8 the hospital or facility shall arrange if requested by a
- 9 spouse when the chief medical officer deems it to be in
- 10 the best interest of the patient and the spouse to do
- 11 so."

H-5313 FILED MARCH 3, 1982

BY DODERER of Johnson

Adopted on amended by 5317 3/4 (p. 664)

HOUSE FILE 2361

H-5317

- 1 Amend amendment H-5313 to House File 2361 as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. BY striking lines 5 through 11 and inserting in
- 4 lieu thereof the following:
- 5 "NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. When the chief medical
- 6 officer deems it to be in the best interest of the
- 7 patient and the spouse to do so, the chief medical
- 8 officer may release appropriate information during a
- 9 consultation which the hospital or facility shall
- 10 arrange with the spouse of a voluntary or involuntary
- 11 patient, if requested by a spouse."

H-5317 FILED MARCH 4, 1982

BY JOHNSON of Linn

ADOPTED (p. 664)

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hospital or facility shall arrange with the spouse of a voluntary or involuntary patient, if requested by a spouse.

DELWYN STROMER
Speaker of the House

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
President of the Senate

HOUSE FILE 2361

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE ACCESS OF A SPOUSE TO THE MEDICAL RECORDS
OF A MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 229.25, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. When the chief medical officer deems it to be in the best interest of the patient and the spouse to do so, the chief medical officer may release appropriate information during a consultation which the

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2361, Sixty-ninth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH A. ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved *April 19*, 1982

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor