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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the voluntary admission and release of persons  
 2 suffering from dementia or a dementia-related illness to  
 3 inpatient psychiatric treatment.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 229.2, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 An application for admission to a public or private  
4 hospital for observation, diagnosis, care, and treatment as a  
5 voluntary patient may be made by any person who is mentally  
6 ill or has symptoms of mental illness. If a person is  
7 suffering from severe clinically diagnosed dementia or a  
8 severe dementia-related illness or exhibits symptoms of severe  
9 dementia or a severe dementia-related illness, an application  
10 for inpatient psychiatric admission for observation,  
11 diagnosis, care, and treatment may be made by the person's  
12 next of kin.

13 Sec. 2. Section 299.4, Code 2003, is amended by adding the  
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. If the patient was admitted on  
16 application by the patient's next of kin for inpatient  
17 psychiatric observation, diagnosis, care, and treatment  
18 because of severe dementia or a severe dementia-related  
19 illness, and the request for release is made by the patient,  
20 release may be conditioned upon the agreement of the next of  
21 kin.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides that persons who are suffering from  
24 severe dementia or a dementia-related illness or exhibit  
25 symptoms of severe dementia may be voluntarily admitted to  
26 inpatient psychiatric care and treatment by the patient's next  
27 of kin. The release of the person who is suffering from  
28 severe dementia or a severe dementia-related illness and who  
29 has been voluntarily admitted for inpatient psychiatric care  
30 and treatment by the person's next of kin may be conditioned  
31 upon the agreement of the next of kin.

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