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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1537 House Bill No. 1386

by deleting from subsections (a) and (b) of the amendatory language of SECTION 2 the words “mental disorder” and by substituting instead the words “related disorder”.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting from the first sentence in subsection (c) of the amendatory language of SECTION 2 the words “patient care advocate” and substituting instead the words “patient advocate” and further amend subsection (c) by deleting the second sentence of the amendatory language in its entirety.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subsection (d) of the amendatory language of SECTION 2 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new subsections:

(d) All wards established under this section shall have use of staff already available in order to adequately care for residents. The ward shall have a locked door. The doors of residents’ rooms, however, shall not be locked in order that residents may walk in the halls unrestrained. The area immediately next to this ward shall be fenced of appropriate height and residents may be permitted in this area at the discretion of the staff.

(e) Residents shall be evaluated by either a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist each six months, or on call of the staff and any resident determined to be in need of a higher degree of care shall be transferred to another facility.