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CONFERENCE

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 1. Section 573.012, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

(h) A judge or magistrate may permit an applicant who is a physician to present an application by:

(1) e-mail with the application attached as a secure document in a portable document format (PDF); or

(2) secure electronic means, including:

(A) satellite transmission;

(B) [;] closed-circuit television transmission;[;] or

(C) any other method of two-way electronic communication that:

(i) [~~+~~] is secure;

(ii) [~~2~~] is available to the judge or magistrate; and

(iii) [~~3~~] provides for a simultaneous, compressed full-motion video and interactive communication of image and sound between the judge or magistrate and the applicant.

(h-1) After the presentation of an application under Subsection (h), the judge or magistrate may transmit a warrant to the applicant:

(1) electronically, if a digital signature, as defined by Article 2.26, Code of Criminal Procedure, is transmitted with the document; or

(2) by e-mail with the warrant attached as a secure document in a portable document format (PDF), if the identifiable legal signature of the judge or magistrate is transmitted with the document. [FA1]

SECTION 1. Section 573.022, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A facility that has admitted a person for emergency detention under Subsection (a) or to which a person has been

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transported under Subsection (b) may transfer the person to an appropriate mental hospital with the written consent of the hospital administrator.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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