



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6607**

LCO No. 2351



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
REP. ACKERT, 8th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH A  
PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY WHO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED UNDER  
AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 319i of the general statutes be amended to (1) limit the
- 2 reasons for strip searches of a patient with a psychiatric disability who
- 3 has been committed under an emergency certificate to a reasonable
- 4 belief that the patient poses and imminent risk to himself or herself or
- 5 to examine the patient for self-inflicted marks on the patient's body, and
- 6 (2) require that a staff member of the same gender be present during the
- 7 strip search of a patient with a psychiatric disability who has been
- 8 committed under an emergency certificate.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To enhance the rights of patients with a psychiatric disability who have been committed under an emergency certificate.