



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	SF 201	House Committee:	PASSED on March 26 (20-0)
Committee:	Human Resources	House Floor:	PASSED on April 7 (97-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Miller	Senate Floor:	PASSED on February 24 (49-0)
Date:	April 28, 2015	Governor:	Signed on April 17, 2015
Staff:	Carrie Malone (5-2063)		

Examination of People with Serious Mental Illness

- The bill relates to the emergency procedure for when a person with mental illness is hospitalized.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1

Under current law, if a person is believed to have a mental illness and is likely to physically injure themselves or others, a peace officer can take the person without a warrant to a hospital for treatment. When the person is at the hospital, if the physician or physician assistant that examines the person and finds the person is seriously mentally impaired, the examining physician or physician assistant is required to contact the nearest magistrate. The bill eliminates the requirement that the findings of the examining physician assistant be approved by their supervising physician before the magistrate is contacted.