

HR 4302

District of Columbia Mental Health Civil Commitment Modernization Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 6, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 5, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on October 6, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

District of Columbia Mental Health Civil Commitment Modernization Act of 2004 - (Sec. 2) Amends the District of Columbia Code to modify the composition of, appointment to, and organization of the Commission on Mental Health.

(Sec. 3) Limits to Commission members who are psychiatrists or qualified psychologists (currently, the Commission or any of its members) the competency to be witnesses at any mental health proceeding.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes Superior Court extension for up to 21 days, under certain conditions, of the period for which an individual may be detained for emergency observation and diagnosis in a facility, hospital, or mental health provider.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the Commission to grant a continuance of up to 14 days beyond the current allowed recess of five days for the counsel of persons alleged to be mentally ill to prepare a case. Requires extension of the emergency observation and detention period for the subject of the hearing for the duration of the continuance.

(Sec. 6) Revises procedures on hearings and determination of mental illness. Limits to the least restrictive alternative the kind of facility to which a Court may order a person's commitment, consistent with the best interests of the person and the public.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes a one-year renewal of commitment status by the Commission, subject to judicial review, of a person in a facility, hospital, or mental health provider.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 10, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-450.
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- **Nov 30, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 20, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11697)
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Mr. Davis, Tom moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8257-8259)
- **Oct 6, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4302.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8257-8258)
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- **Oct 6, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on Government Reform. H. Rept. 108-729.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 449.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on Government Reform. H. Rept. 108-729.
- **May 12, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 12, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 6, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **May 6, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.